

DETROIT, MICH.

MAY 8 - 1915

My Dear Walter
and Mary -

Your note of the 30th. ought to have
been answered before. But we had so
much writing to do lately - especially to
Soph who is still with her sick sister
that I haven't felt like answering
any thing else unless it was very
pressing & so postponed replying to
your kind letter until I got to.
Soph is still in N.Y. and the prospects
are that she will be there for a
long time yet - as her sister is
still in a precarious condition and
don't seem to throw off the disease
or convalesce - They had to keep the
plasma yesterday and draw off the
fluid. I hope this may give some
relief and be a forerunner of better
months - How long Soph will
be absent is uncertain as soon
after she improves, they will
take her down to her cousins on
the N.J. coast and Sophie will

learn to go with her & remain useful,
she gets back some of her strength
and is able to take care of herself -
I was sorry you & Margie couldn't
have remained over in N.Y. a day or
two - though I understand Nellie & her
husband were in Washington -
You & I must have been quite an
escort for Margie to go to Washington
I don't think she was ever there
before was she?

Am sorry you went and caught
cold yourself but suppose you
are better, as you don't refer to it
as Continuous.

Am glad the trip did Margie so
much good and hope she may
continue to improve from this spring &
summer - I wish you would try
the atmosphere of Michigan this
summer instead of N.Y. If I
only had a house and rooms
to put you up - I should be
delighted to offer you some
decent accommodation -
You must have had a delightful

time with a fellow botanist with whom
you were acquainted - There is so much
to see in Washington -

Well another worst feature of the war
has cast a gloom over our country
as well as ~~with~~ the Nations engaged
This submarine warfare on peaceful
Citizens maddening them in cold
blood in mid ocean - has no equals
in his story - It is as Roosevelt says
piratical and contrary to all international
law - Its outrageous and I hope the
U.S. will demand satisfaction even
if it has to take some atrocious
measures - I don't know but what it
would be a good thing to take 138
German ships from the ironed vessels &
hang them - it would be no worse
than the loss and harm done to our
women & children - let alone the men -
they were not given a chance for their
lives - Something ought to be done
we can't let it stand as it is & an
indemnity don't give back life -
with best love & good wishes to you
both
most affectionately yours
W. A. Beshley



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