

Kellogg House,

C. H. Bateman, Prop.

Lowville, N.Y., Sept. 21 1896

My Dear Sir:

I cannot address a person who has a continuous escort of two blue-eyed and distrustful bodyguards as anything but "Sir!" He commands my respect and my envious admiration. Under such protection, one may safely venture into the most lonely and dangerous corner of the wood, where the fringed gentian hangs her bashful lids and where the dainty Calypso

lost her shoe. One may
even proceed unscared in
the blissful hours of darkness,
even without lantern or
the inquisitive light of the
moon. One may even
botanize in the heavens,
with Andromeda and
Cassandra, and be all
unmindful of the things
that maketh one afraid.

And as for those lone mortals
who wander and talk
about buds and common
things, — they wrap an old
bed quilt about them
and lie down on a
straw tick.

Thine, alone,
L. H. Bailey



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