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Dear Mayme;-

I put off writing to Ed some time after I heard from you. Then he did not answer for some time as he had hurt his hand and was under the doctor's care for some days. It is now ten days since I heard from him last. I suggested that he allow you seventy-five dollars a year for Lucinda's clothes. This sum I thought would be a big help to you and might pay for all her clothes. He was not averse to this but would not give you the money so I had to think up a scheme and suggested that he allow you to purchase things at Kaufman's and charge to him. He agreed to this but on condition that you do the buying yourself and that Lucinda write him a letter after the things are gotten, a friendly letter if possible or if not a letter telling about the things. He also stipulated that she was not to be made to hate him. Now I consider it only fair not to prejudice her against him for reasons I have already stated to you but I cannot see how he can make that a stipulation and will write him to that effect. Of course, he hopes to establish some friendly relations with Lucinda, which is right, but this must come naturally and by her being left to find out of know about him without prejudice but he cannot get this from any contract. I think I can make him see that. He also says that the things can be bought at any other store if you wish. I think it would be a good thing for you to estimate what she needs now and where you can get it and about how much and let me send that to him. He says he is willing to increase the amount as she grows up, which was what he should have said. Your statement will give him a fairly accurate idea of how much to write the store to allow on the charge. I hope this can be arranged but do not want too many stipulations about it. Make the allowance stretch over the greater part of the year if you can. I think Lucinda can write him a nice letter about what she is doing and is interested in. If I were you I would let it be as much her own composition as possible but would look it over for mistakes. A child's ingenuity is often just the thing to trust. Mama has had a couple of anxious days again because she got two telegrams from Louise. The first told her that Hugh was home and that she need not come home to see him; the second said for her to come. Mama is not in a condition for that trip nor to take up the housekeeping again now. She is improving, slowly, for she had the grippe and lost more weight. She was very happy and contented until getting these contradictory messages and now fears that Hugh is sick at home. If she stays until she is strong she may be well but if she goes now I fear for her. I, personally, do not care for I am only taking care of her health now. She has done a little sewing, which she has enjoyed and washes the dishes and helps about some but cannot get in and out of cars very easily nor walk any distance yet. If it was absolutely necessary we could get the money for Hugh to come out here but it does seem that strict economy is necessary these days. For me, it is very necessary as Doctor has enlisted and my income will be cut almost in half. I felt dreadfully about it and for some days almost went wild but am trying to make the best of it and hope the best and be prepared for the worst. Of course, he is absolutely fit for overseas service and wants that if it can be. I do not want Mama

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