

Thursday afternoon Apr 17,

Dearest Mamie

I only have a few minutes in which to write to you for I have slews of studying to do.

I got my shirt waists yesterday and they are perfectly lovely! They fit perfectly and are beautifully sewed and look as pretty inside as they do outside. The bull was \$1.00 for one, \$.85 apiece for the other two, and \$.20

for buttons, total \$2.90 which considering how stylish and altogether lovely they are, strikes me as being very reasonable.

I heard an interesting lecture on birds t'other day by a Mr Kellog who can imitate bird songs and warbles as wonderfully as Mr Seaton-Thompson imitates the sounds of wild animals. John Burroughs sat in front of me. He is a quaint

looking old gentleman with very white and rather long hair.

Don't forget to pick the violets in the back yard when they come out. There will be hundreds of them and they'll be awfully pretty.

Had an interview with Miss Brann last week and she told me some nice things. She said I had done excellent work on the whole, and that I had the qualities of a good writer.

That I didn't always think quite definitely, but that my vocabulary and my way of saying things were all right, and that I had a fine appreciation of the beautiful.

Fare thee well now

Miles of love to you and dad

Peg.

Shirtwaist

John Burroughs

Good writer

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