



Sunday - July 2

Halfway over

R.M.S. "TEUTONIC"

Dear Miss Lusk.

It was the nicest thing - as just like
you - to come down to see us of - you were the
last person I saw that I knew and there's
no one whose face I would rather have linger
in my memory. We've been so intimately associ-
ated in business at first and now in everything
that you can't know how much it means to me
to have you take such an interest in this
the nicest trip of my life - indeed if I weren't
for you I should never have gone - I'm not
apt to forget that.

And your steamer letter is just
wreat and you know without my saying how
much I appreciate your faith and affection.
It's the greatest of incentives to really be
fine & big and no matter how far short
I fall of the mark you'll know that I

3 you think of that? The captain ~~who~~ ^{but} he had never
 seen me as close to & only a few times over any - he said
 he thought he was providing all he could for us! and
 certainly the weather is something varishing - warm,
 sunny, smooth sea (not with a minute) and just that
 on little storm for excitement - an officer said it was the
 best trip they had had this year. But I
 come all these natural things as as nothing to
 the human beings on board - its hopeless to try tell
 you about them - I'm in a dizzzy whirl following the
 different gang. watching this amon & that scrap.
 We've got everybody on board from Endicott & probably
 with whom I've had a nice long talk (which I shall
 repeat - he's quite a corker) to Henry Dink of Chicago -
 Henry has a pal & a wife & another lady - I don't
 vouch for the status of either the wife or the other
 lady except that they have the best 500 staterooms

4 On the boat - they sit near us at the next table in fact
+ drink champagne & rumshere as well as dinner &
Mrs. Brown who is a woman in her 40s they
drink all the time in their rooms - poor thingy looks about
all in - I'm going to try to talk to her but she doesn't
most of the time & is led by the hand to her room usually
about 5 P.M. - aside from him there is a most respectable
quiet & quiet class lot of people. We have a nice table
crowd - some Chicago girls who know a lot of people & know
are the best but they aren't much. a lady a Mrs Austin of
W.V. sits next us on deck & she is very chatty & ~~the~~ exchange
gossip all the time - she knows the Browns & tell me all
they know & of course we are all pretty well acquainted
now being 5 days out. Best of all the people though are
a Mr. Vernon & his sister from London - he is over to
Baltimore on a short business trip & they're impressions
of America are great - we're going out to visit them when

26 - would never have gone 1/10 as far except for you.

It's Sunday & the sun is setting gorgeously right outside the windows and it's the first time I've tried to write you a note though I've thought of you very often. But such a busy life this

doing nothing on board steamer is! I have no time for anything - want to do a dozen

& really do nothing. It beats any three nip circus to death - I'm torn trying to decide what to do & not caring a whoop if I do nothing which is what I end at!

It's suits you young friend right down to the ground. I'm little eating you cake & shaving it too.

the most wonderful exciting voyage - whales within 6 hours after starting - five big 30 foot ones right near the boat and whales again today; Porpoises are too common to cause me to leave my steamer chair! but 4 water-sprouts one afternoon - what do

in London - they live just outside in Kent. 5
We've got very charming with them as you will
see from our invitation  (and there are
many others - all good and worth (as Morrow
would say) a few minutes chat which is all
any one gets. If Europe is better than this I
don't wonder you love it and wanted never to
leave it.

I haven't that a
moment of the magazine - have it read those
fishing papers yet (don't tell Siddall. Will
lose all his respect for me!) That Daisy
Miller with the prettiest very genuine &
Butcher had it too. He thought you were
the finest he had ever seen - which shows
that he's A.C. too.

Don't be too easy
on the General - don't let him walk you with
this hypothesis plan - you have the easy work
even before you in the U.C. as you ought to
other side of it - but I'd feel sure if I
was there to put a ~~decent~~ steady hand
on the matter in case you steered toward that
work! You're too warm hearted - but that
always in mind & remember that he's the

most resourceful creature on earth. He is
wiser than even and he needs to feel your
entire spirit touched perhaps with just a
dash of sympathy. Don't let Mr. Phillips start
being sympathetic - he'll fall way in
as he loves to. I'm not worrying this
6 year job this summer but I'll return
in the fall and judge the result with a
cold steady eye, so beware!

I'm having lots of fun with my "Ocean
Trip" - it'll recount a wonderful time. Will
that party with champagne every night for
dinner (my friend Edgely of whom your
niece has heard me speak - I asked for him last
winter - sent me a dozen fruit bottles)
and the waiter is so impressed with our
magnificence that he notices us on the
table. Mr. Oerland sent me a lovely basket
of fruit & candy, again the from other friends
he used. This a regular shipping game -
to which I'm not sure you know.

Goodbye for now - I shall be anxious to
hear from you - With greatest love for you, as
always - Your affectionately Best.