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The Coleman.

STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.

(EUROPEAN PLAN.)

BROADWAY AND 27TH STREET.

OCEAN HOUSE, LONG BRANCH, N. J.

H. H. PEARSON,

LATE OF THE BALDWIN,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The Thyme
was very sweet

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New York, June 20 1893

Dear Wanda I got your nice letter yesterday it was dated June 12. I was feeling very lonesome not getting any letters from home for so long. I suppose you will say that you thought I would be away, & that therefore it would be no use to write. But I think I told you all that it would not matter whether I was away because Mr Johnson would forward them whenever I went.

It has been & is very hot here & I always feel anxious about Helen in hot weather especially when the fruit is ripe, & might make her sick or cause toothache. So you may know I was very ^{glad} to know that she was well, & all of you & glad to hear that grandma is better. In this hot weather she

ought not to go about so much. It is ten o'clock at night here just now & the temperature is 70°. & it was 98° at 3 o'clock & damp sticky & sultry. Still I stand it pretty well, as well as the New York people. Everybody that can afford it has gone away. I will soon be cool enough for next Saturday at noon I will sail for Liverpool on the Etna. I thought of going on the Adriatic which sails tomorrow, but I found that I will get to Liverpool as soon on Etna though she starts three days later. She sails so much faster. I don't know where Mr. Kettle is. He went away two weeks ago. Maybe I'll meet him in Scotland. John Burroughs is not going. So I'll be lonely as Paddy Grogan. Though Mr. Johnson has not allowed me to be home here except about Helen. I'm glad you took on Elsie. That was sensible. I told you to do that long ago. I don't mean to go in dangerous places, & I'm going to hurry back as soon as I can. Here is a picture of Walden Pond

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that I think is pretty good. I think you should keep it. Beautiful trees & flowers grow there & the water is clear, & all the banks are shady & leafy. Some day you & mama & Helen will go there. & see where Thoreau lived & Emerson. So much greener & fresher & calmer than Martinez is, & so many good & great people lived there. The Elm trees in particular are large & graceful. But it must be pretty cold & dreary in winter time. Be sure to tell Helen not to eat your cherries. You must take good care of your little sister when I am away. I have fine letters of introduction to people in Europe & I suppose I will soon feel at home. The ship I am going to sail on is a very fine one. So you need not be afraid of storms. My! how hot it is. Both my coat & head are off & yet the perspiration flowing as if I were made of snow.

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New York, 189

I'll tell mamma I'll give a new address
as soon as I know it. In the
meantime it is Johnson, The Century &
Give my love to - Mamma &
Grandma & many kisses to
Midge. I wonder what I can
bring you folks when I come
home, I must get something nice
Remember me to Dave & Elsie -
& Maggie & May & all the kids -
I suppose Maggie & May miss me
very much & so does Lou if she
is still at the ranch, for they have
nobody now to tease them poor things.
Tell May & Lou only servant girls broil their
hair in N. Y. I tease Mr Johnson a good
deal, but he teases back & I have to be careful