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Maips, Jan. 16, 1906.

Darlings, I got your letter (Helens) yesterday evening which refreshed my heart.

Here is 30 apiece for you, Express order. I began to think you might need a little money when your letter showed I was right. A heavy S.E. gale is blowing & with slight abatements has been for four days. 7 inches of rain has fallen & no sign of clearing. The eucalyptus trees are chanting & clapping their leafy hands gloriously, so are the farmers & merchants & most everybody, save a few insane

growlers who fear the floods will sweep all the land & life of the State to the sea & are praying deliverance from a wet death. Don't go near that quicksand river!! & do I beseech you watch against taking colds & chills every minute. Dry toast your blankets every night. & sleep in the cottage whenever there is the least hint of any sort of storm. Thus bravely you will fight your way to breezy life-giving summer.

I think that the cherry orchard had better be planted to muscat instead of Tokay

I think we can get fine rooted grafted
vines from Frank Smith. We have no muscad
& too many Tokay are being planted all over
the State. I think I ought to be here while
the estate is being settled & several lots
one of them near the Cranston Wharf worth
about \$2000 are being bargained for. Still
I may make a hurried trip before I return
within a week or so should I find a
reasonably good opening.

Maggie is keeping wonderfully well
these stormy days. Mirriam has a
snuffle cold. Ben keeping the fireside
keeping warm & deploring our separation
& my mental barrenness, reading &
jogging but eating & sleeping fairly
well. Peter burning fondly toward the
batteries & coal bunkers when my heart
darlings are so bravely fighting lifes
battle - But here goes Arthur
for Martinez & I must close
with a Heaven bless you
darlings.

John Mason