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I would have
hard word
flows, ab-
lemb in
the dining
room + sit-
ting room -
a day is so
much less
trouble than
a couple -
to cope for -
I presume
you will
have had
word stairs
I should have
hard word
pens up stairs

Schoolcraft, Feb. 6, 1901.

Dear Ada; -

I will write a
line to you while Malcolm
copies his letter to Wynn
about - the house -

Mother has gone to bed, also
Mary and the house is very quiet.
This morning we attended the
funeral of old Mrs. Frazier, the
mother of Emma Pencil, and the
great-grand mother of Clarence
Thomas -

I went to see Lois and Mary
this afternoon. They have been
having a siege with the Grippe.
Mary had it first - and she
is so does what little cooking
they require and Lois comes

I hope you will return the loan with any change

in a sense of kin

down stairs and lie on a
couch. They had a woman some
days to care for them when they
were the worst. I had not
seen them for several days,
as I have been gone from home.
I went - Saturday last - to Kala-
mazo to stay over Sunday
with my friend, Mrs. Carrie
Hubbard Klinstick. She lives
near the Asylum. The terrible
storm of Sunday afternoon &
night prevented the street
cars from running until
late Monday afternoon. So
I did not get home until
Tuesday forenoon. Quite a
stay that, was for me. Mrs.
Klinstick was a class mate
of mine at the University and
boarded in the same house
with me. You may remember

hearing me speak of her. She
invited Miss Hattie Winslow
out to supper with us on Satur-
day - She was my room-mate
my freshmen year - It was a
renewal of old times -

I was glad to hear that Mil-
dred does not forget us - I
should like much to see her
bonny face - I was pleased to
know too that Albert is mak-
ing progress in the art of
speech - Has he given up that
wise little nod of assent yet?
I always think of him as nod-
ding -

Ada Brown is expecting a
visit soon from her cousin
Jennie Scott of Peterboro, New
Hampshire. She is to leave home
~~to day~~ ^{Wednesday} and after a brief stop
in Detroit come on here -

Mrs. Vorhies Vorhies, the
wife of the principal of the
school, who has been an in-
valid for several months, has
nearly recovered her health is
back at Aunt Mary Ann's. As
they have no girl, Ada gets
entirely too tired.

I see by the Bellefontaine pa-
per that Mrs. Elma Kenton is
dead - She is the mother of
Jesse Thomas's wife, and our
cousin to my father - the last
of her family - She was much
younger than the rest - Her
oldest son, who died some
years ago, was an intimate
friend of your father in
the old days at Jamesfield.
I am getting sleepy, so I bid
you good night with love
and kisses for all from
Your aunt - Ella Thomas.

Thursday Morning -

The house fever has seized me as well as Malcolm and I want to say my little say - I like the stairway arrangement - immensely also the men's washroom - I should prefer sliding doors between the dining room + sitting room so they could be separate when desired I would close the stairway as Malcolm suggests + do away with the sliding doors between on the north side of the sitting room then the cupboard can open into the dining room and the kitchen also, a great convenience.

now up stairs I would make two closets - under the attic stairs for the two east rooms + cut a closet off from the hall for the middle front

room by carrying the partition,
south of the attic stairway,
straight on west, say for 8 ft -
This would make the south
east-room square cornered
& a wee bit larger - Then I
would dispense with the bow
window altogether avoiding quite
a good deal of expense - The
middle room would be larger,
having no closets taken off from
it, and warmer - A bow window
such as you propose would
be cold ~~and~~ the floor would
be over the porch - Other-
wise I like the upstairs
very much -

I hope you can put a couple of
small tanks over the landing
of the stairs by dropping the ceil-
ing say five feet & letting the tanks
go up to the roof of the attic. This
will be convenient for ^{both} ~~the~~ ^{rooms}
kitchen etc. I would fill the space
as far as I could with two round tanks.

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MIAMI
VALLEY

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Dear Ada + Wynne:

Was quite surprised to receive so complete a plan so soon. Did not know that it was fully decided that you would build this year.

Had not thought of your using brick. Think your house will suit much better than if of wood. Your plan is certainly unique and so must certainly be in fashion now a days. When each house seems to be a study for the owner to make it

work on the specifications but it's not my fault. I'm criticising at my first opportunity and you can no doubt please yourselves better than I could please you.

Let me hear of any conveniences Grandmother thinks she can't afford. Perhaps I may not think them too extravagant, or if I do shall hope you'll not be hurt by them.

Your uncle Malcolm P. Thomas

P.S. Thus, more ⁴ I haven't inquired
about the height of your
attic. Ours is really too low
for tanks at economical cost.
A single high tank is much
cheaper than two ^{lower} of some capacity.
It is very important that
as much of the roof as
possible supply the tank
so that every shower may
contribute a supply. Ella
suggests that the ceiling
over the stair landing
might be made low
enough to place tank
or tanks there ^{in attic}. What
do you think?

If you have two opposite
windows in your attic, put
screen over them outside,
and keep them open
in summer. The attic
will cool off quicker
at night and so make

Your chambers ~~will be~~
more comfortable.

MELAMEL
VALLEY

I might fill this page
but you will already cry
enough so will close
for this time

M. P. A.

P.S. 2.

We don't see where
you will put in
your furnace pipes
for upstairs; your
rolling doors occupy
the partitions so much.

M. P. A.

as different from every
other as possible. I
Perhaps you might be
pleased to have me tell
you the features of your
plan that most please
me but as my letter
would be long and
might not help any
more I will simply
be critical as to
where I think you
might improve upon
it.

Am very glad you are
to have a furnace.
I have talked with
our plumber and will
later send you a cir-
cular of the furnace
which he thinks best

You make no mention
of where the furnace
Chimney is to be. You
ada, may remember that
Father had a chimney
built inside the house
through the kitchen years
after the house was built
because the chimneys in
the outside wall were
too small and because
the creosote almost
always works through the
wall when built in
the outside wall.
Builders say because
the chimney gets cold
at night and is too
suddenly warmed in
the morning.

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Chimney. You could locate such a one I think either in the N.E. corner of your parlor or just at the left of your stairway. Such chimneys are generally capped with a stone as the last layer of bricks will not retain the mortar when smoked.

I am afraid your kitchen may prove too small for farm cooking especially in warm weather when most used. Cant you make it square-cornered at the S.W. corner and make your wash room for the men wider letting it extend 2 or 3 feet under the stairs and placing

the sink in front of the
north window. Perhaps in
that case you might have
the outside door into it
as far west as possible
and have it out of the
way when wide open
to get things into the
cellar from out-doors.
You will ~~probably~~^{also} have
a Portland Cement floor
in the men's wash room
and also in the cellar.
You make no mention
of any plan for fur-
nishing water to your
bath room. I had
thought it possible
that you might have
some chamber upstairs
that you could use
for a tank room and
bath room combined

You would hardly care
to give ^{up} as large a room
as that over the kitchen
for such use. That would
be a convenient situa-
tion if you could run
all the water from the
roof into it as it
would be directly
over the kitchen &
range and easily piped.
You say nothing of
your well water supply
You see I'm sometimes
of a crank on pure
well water and abun-
dant Rain water.

Were your kitchen square
cornered at N.W. corner by
placing the range as
near ^{into} the corner as possible
your sink could be placed
in front of the east win-

down. which would be,
farther from the fire.
So you could have both door
and window farther west
and perhaps place the
Range nearly in the N.E.
corner.

I should prefer to have
the space occupied by
lower hall let into kitchen
bath-room and nursery.
You will want your
staircase tightly closed
in winter to prevent
heat escaping up stairs,
or your house will be
hard to heat like ours
with its high ceilings.

Should think the best
place for your furnace
will be under the west
side of your sitting room
if your prevailing winds are

like ours from the S.W.

By narrowing your upper
hall and building closets
on that side you
could make the middle
chamber larger
without the bow-win-
dow which will be expensive ^{+ cold.}

But perhaps you will
say I have suggested
too many changes
already, as I undoubt-
edly have if your ar-
chitect is already at