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My dear wife

Hazen has just handed me \$5 which he says thee takkin -
 Best dispose of business first. He
 got home all right & seemingly in excellent
 spirits - exhorting & encouraging Tom
 to go off where a luck too - but so far
 without success. We had a few drops
 of rain this morning early - just enough
 to cover the frozen roof with a coating
 1/1000 of an inch thick. It was a satis-
 faction however to find that it had not
 forgotten how to do it. I bought some
 more hose yesterday & we will drain
 the Schuylkill "through Jonathan" before we
 give up the fight for the flowers
 I had a note from Susan this morning telling
 how Elizabeth had written her that she had
 been ill since the 15th of June - I am

afraid this is a premonition of the way those young women are going to worry each other as soon as E. gets home - She has said nothing to us or to Anne Westhouse like that but as soon as she communicates with Susan she exaggerates her ills. She told her that she had just telegraphed (August 9th) for a stateroom on the Majestic for Oct 2nd. Possibly her difficulties in getting passage home when she desired to have made her feel more disappointed than usual. Susan says nothing about herself.

I also read this morning thy letter & one from Lillie. Lillie writes in excellent spirits & says they continually use the Encyclopedia & end discussions which are frequent. Frank she says takes after her in her argumentative habit & does not hesitate to open a combat with "They thy pardon, uncle Thomas, but I think that is not so." She will have to train him for a lawyer.

I cannot give the Clemens address
for certain but I should think

~~Broad Head~~

Rye Beach N. W.

would find her

I am sorry that I can give no other
news than what comes in other people's letters.

Affly thy husband

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