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Dearest Laura,

I could never write - thee  
as only a land-lady cousin,  
but questions arise for my  
consideration and thine, which  
must take on a business like  
attitude. I know nothing of  
Petrus arrangements as a co-  
tenant, nor do I wish to, but  
am fully conscious of her bright  
administrative mind being a  
large factor in many decisions.

Before the calorimeters sub-  
lease, & appropriation by tenants  
of my foot-storage room, <sup>we</sup> <sup>regular permission</sup>  
agreed, thy proposal, that all  
improvements to "rent-free" develop-  
ing room

I to retain <sup>2.</sup> store-room, would  
be for my benefit. Now that  
I part with the building, after  
roof repairs ordered, the im-  
provement will doubtless be  
shared with the good neighbor  
Mr. Bryce. As to improvements  
for W. side kitchen I enclose <sup>60</sup> <sup>3</sup>  
my sole contribution. The <sup>big</sup> couch <sup>padding</sup>  
was not in bad shape when  
I used, and left it, and  
painted bed with new spring  
and mattress guaranteed in  
good shape. Of course two res-  
idents required more space  
for clothes, boxes, etc, not in the  
original contract, and I want  
comfort and space for all ten -  
auto, as far as can be managed.  
It has not always been easy  
for Mary to represent me at  
so great a distance - if she has  
not always been tactful, nor re-



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I am sure so glad, as many to also, that Mrs. Anger said  
the would make "some arrangement with this business" for me  
receptive I would think "her"  
home offered Edna (which I  
just could not - have done)  
would cover a multitude of  
minor matters, I hope she has  
supplied the <sup>garden</sup> hose, and I know  
never retailed <sup>to you</sup> all the late-  
and early drinking in the  
East-side, nor interruption to  
her work ahead of her, early &  
late. The trade she had from  
Mrs. Allman was chiefly thro  
anger against "Miss Selpin's  
change of plans," so the kind  
offer of excusing me to the  
Allmans, notified in June, did  
not greatly appeal to me. The  
hail on the roof, & entire  
abandonment of rental for months -  
was not an act of man

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yet must limit what I can  
purchase - spend - mortgage interest,  
and taxes too, are the major  
problem, but I will be glad  
when a separate water meter  
for Carla - & developing room  
will be installed for the new  
owner. I will continue to pay  
water - bill for 614.

I am very conscious that my  
gift - (not loan) of \$100.00 came  
back to me in the form I so  
much up it - in the form I so  
enjoy, and for which I am most  
grateful. Mary's photographs, and  
like favors were mine in the  
past. This letter by thy wish  
will be shared by Becky - not  
please with - Mary, who might  
disapprove. I will write - her what  
I feel is fair in return re - fer-  
ring, sorry it can not be for per-  
manent - items. I think a cat family  
should not have unlimited numbers

in residence  
for trial - one, with - advance - the cat, not theme.



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of part of smaller building  
should be purchase it. He and  
Catherine confer as to price  
keeping me advised by wire  
and air-mail.

Mary has dealt for more  
on three - Beth's connection.  
There for her, necessities, trips,  
difficulties than on any diffi-  
culties. I am ever so glad  
she shared some time and  
there is very welcome to "the  
Claviers & the Search". She believed  
friend who gave it - to me is  
among the angels where she  
always belonged. There I never  
did, but even if too out-spoken  
I am they very affectionate.  
"Ever in Lucy."