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Human relationships is so fine-spun and frail a thing that one can only apply a principal to it at the risk of breaking it entirely. You had (fortunately or unfortunately for you) a set of circumstances in your youth which justified certain principals. You were a son - you had a widowed mother with grave responsibilities on her shoulders. Every penny counted - naturally you made every penny count. I also have been where every penny counted and I know the joy of giving. So does Barbara. She would give all her earnings if they were needed gladly - and I would take them the same way. There would be some reason to it - instead of a principal which does not apply to the case. If we took all her earnings it would not materially change our scale of living. She now is able to know the joy of a small bank account of her very own - out of her earnings - beside the joy of doing some things for others who do need it. We are well able to make this past year that she is with us independent in this - to build and plan her girlish dreams. I would gladly go without myself to save her even knowing that we hesitate - but you choose to talk to her yourself - you want me to keep out of it - what if you drive her to do something foolish? I try to think what I would have done if my father and mother had begrudged me of their plenty - but I cannot - I cherish the memory of their principal and long to live true to it.

Not ready
- nervous
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