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Friday morning early

Dearest:

Well I think yesterday was a good day — Berchie was here — I took her to see Mrs. Kay here at the Yacht Club Inn and she is coming here to work — January 2nd. It is a great relief to me. The other set-up was all wrong and led to nothing — This one is very different. The Inn has an unusual quality — especially in Florida. The people who come have been coming for 15 — 18 — even 21 years to this same Inn with the same dear little woman running it. She owns practically everything in the little

2. Town — and only caters to the
best. It is the Pecketto of the West Coast —
and the most delightful people. I don't have
but a few minutes free but one can't help
but feel things. The dear man and his
wife next to me are Prof. and Mrs.
Howe (no, that's not the name — Oh dear I've
forgotten) — but he is the retired professor
of Greek at the Northwestern University for
40 years. His brother is the President
of Northwestern. And so on and
so on — an interesting and
thoroughly stimulating group of
older people. Mrs. Grover Cleveland
(now Mrs. Preston?) has come here
for the last 15 years. I am

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only telling you this to give
you a better picture of the position
for Bessie. The place has a sweetness
at the heart of it. The nice colored
man who takes care of the dining
room has been with her for 19 years
and she has cared for him in
her will she told me for the rest of
his life. The upstairs maid is the
same - gentle, dear people.

Bessie comes here only on
my recommendation - but I feel
that these people will appreciate
Bessie's quality and that she
will make new and fast friends

4. Mother will not be out before March -
if then. By that time the season is
over. Mother's job leads to no future for
Bushie - This does. Bushie has
the great art of making people comfortable
of serving in its highest sense.

They will have a lovely
big room in the Annex and Eleanor
will find appreciative people near
her - I think they will be very
happy indeed - I looked into school,
recreation - everything I could
think of - and all seems just
made to order. She will get board
+ room for both of them (and the best
of food and a lovely room) plus
tips - and \$18⁰⁰ a week.

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(8.)

Now I must find a place for
mother to rent here then I can leave
feeling at peace. She simply refuses
the nursing home - says she wants
her own. So that's that. I am trying
to get the little cottage across from
Dr. Mease's mother who is mother's great
friend. Well - no use writing it
all to you. But Oh John I am so
happy that Bessie is coming here.
To-day is Friday - next Tuesday
I start for home - that beloved, hallowed
name. Oh John what riches are ours - what
riches of spirit as well as earthly goods.

(6.) Never, never let me feel that I must fly from it. To find peace and health - keep it there at the heart - protect it - guard it - cherish it - for it is the holy of holies.

Now I must go. It is good to touch this paper with my thought and your thought receive it. A few days more and I shall walk up the little path into that warm and cheerful room - and from room to room - from one house to the other - to the animals - the woods - the fields - embracing everything and loving it.

But what makes it is that it is our abiding place - what a glorious life is ours - if we keep the faith. God bless you -
my John - I love you. n.