

Reed, Margaret [wtr # 1]

Reed, Mrs. [her mother: wtr # 2]

[Lake Placid, NY]

[Margaret] June 29, 1901

[her mother] August 1, 1901

[A rather rambling letter following
a mishap in going for the
Chapman's baby.]

[3 letters, 2 dates, 1 envelope]

June 29th

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I know that
 you are having a
 very fine time and
 I hope you will
 have a very successful
 one. I am very
 glad to hear of
 your success and
 I hope you will
 continue to
 prosper. I am
 very much
 interested in
 your work.

I am
 very
 glad
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 prosper.

Love, The baby had a
 very good day (it will be
 well you know if all
 returned it to all
 and very my love
 after it was twenty min
 ute to eleven o'clock when
 the baby woke up for
 change some of the
 was given the baby's bottle
 for a few minutes at
 ten or after it was
 taken from the acetone
 bath for one more than
 a half of an hour
 after robbing the baby
 of all the mixture of
 a number of bottles in
 water these and then

but I have just from
my table and saw
the note it was to
some number of inches
when I was back a little
looking at the table
and I rec'd my patient
when I was then going
to heat some water when
I felt my self getting numb
and sat down on the
chair and I suppose was
in a stupor for in the
mean time the table
was up and I was
lying down - I
thought I was - I
at of some kind
thought - I was

along time and then
 on the day we were told
 of our child's birth
 we got the news as
 we were sleeping. I
 didn't know the name
 the baby was on my
 mind. I felt myself
 getting nervous. I heard
 the doctor saying to
 the baby the doctor
 I started to pat the baby
 he said that I was
 wrong and I started to
 cry. The doctor
 told me that it was
 the baby's name that is

of your course at the
 time I went and sat on
 the grass at the river
 in the shade all day
 after the night was over
 out of the room the
 windows were open
 and the breeze was
 fresh and cool the
 wind was from the N.W. and
 not from the north
 what that they had left
 was the other day
 The Haystack house is
 situated on a hill
 and is a very fine
 building the
 roof was built in 1800
 and is now in a
 very good state of
 repair and is a very

Dear Mother,
I have had a
letter from the
school and it told
me how to
write you that
I was very
well and
hope you are
the same.
I love you
and hope you
love me too.

The first part of the paper
is devoted to a general
survey of the subject
and to a discussion of the
principles which should
govern the selection
of the material to be
included in the course.
The second part is
devoted to a detailed
discussion of the
various methods
which have been
employed in the
teaching of the
subject.

The third part of the
paper is devoted to a
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Handwritten notes or scribbles, possibly including the word "Lecture" and some illegible characters.

Letter #1 is from Margaret Reed, who was hired to look after the Chapman's baby:

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Lake Placid

June 29, 1901

Mr. Harry Chapman,

I know that you have heard all about me by this time and a great deal worse than the whole thing was. I am more than sorry and feel very much heartbroken over it, and I know if you had of been there Mrs. Chapman would of given me another chance, but Miss Lara was only to[o] glad to lie...

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---[I] love the baby, fond of her. Mr. Harry I will now tell you how it all happened. I felt all sore and achy, my bones ached. It was twenty minutes to eleven o'clock when the baby woke up. Mrs. Chapman said I should not give the baby a bottle before two o'clock. At ten or after I had taken three Phenacitin(?) tablets, one more than I should of taken. After rocking the baby until ten minutes of twelve o'clock in my night dress and bare...

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...feet I then put him in bed and heated his bottle. It was then a few minutes of twelve o'clock. I then took a little whiskey and cold water and rubbed my feet with alcohol. I was then going to heat some water when I felt myself getting numb and sat down on the chair and I suppose went into a deep sleep. In the meantime the baby woke up and screamed which you know was nothing new. Mrs. Chapman, being nervous, thought he was crying...

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...a long time and knocked on the door and called me. Of course I did not hear at the time and Mrs. Hudson Cooke broke the door in. I did not hear the noise. The baby was on my knee(?) when I felt myself getting conscious. I heard Mrs. Chapman talking to the baby. Mrs. Chapman said I started to pat(?) the baby. She said that Miss Laura said I got in bed and started to poke the bottle in the pillow, thinking it was the baby's mouth. That is...

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...because they had just taken the baby out and come in for his bottle and I took(e) it from under the pillow and handed it to Miss Laura. They all thought then I was drunk and left me to sleep it off. Miss Laura said that she went out on the roof and all the windows was locked down. That is another lie. The window towards the woodshed was open quite a little bit, but at the time hills(?) were mountains and nothing could...

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... of been worse at the time. I went and sat on the chair at five minutes of twelve. At five after the baby was taken out of the room. The reason I did not go in, I was mad because they bursted open the door. I did not know until morning that that they had left me to sleep of(f) a drink...Mr. Harry I loved Mrs. Chapman and was commencing to love the baby and was trying to do my very best in every way to make you all happy and I am very...

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...sorry it happened as it did, and if Mrs. Chapman would of forgiven me I would promise her faithfully it never would of happened. But I blame Miss Laura for her enco(u)r(a)ging her not to keep me. Mr. Harry perhaps you can get Mrs. Chapman to forgive and take me back, because I feel awful about it. The reason I took a fall(?) was when I got to the station, I found I could not go very far with socks...

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[At top of page]---Please do not tell my mother---

...I then came back to the drug store and told them all about what had happened. Mr. Balcheri(?) and Mr. Forbes sent me to a lady in a hotel (for work?) until I get a better place. I don't like to work in a hotel and when I get some money I will pay you back what you once lo(a)ned me. I hope you will forgive me and get Mrs. Chapman to also. It was not any crime and it did no one any harm but myself.

Letter #2 is (most likely) from Margaret Reed's mother:

Phila., August 7th, [1901]

Mr. Harry Chapman,

I went to Magistrate Pullinger and stated the case to him, and he tells me that you have no right to hold Margaret's clothes. You cannot expect to get back the fare for you took her out of the city. The magistrate says if you do not give up her clothes, he will send the constable and demand the clothes. If he don't get them, you will be under arrest. If you are willing to give them up without any trouble send word to Mrs. Reed, 1921 Fairmont Ave.

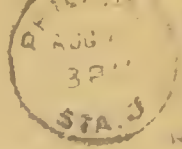
The magistrate wants an answer right away.

Letter #3, from Harry Chapman, is in shorthand, which could not be read.

Henry

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Camp Chapman

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