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Thosheim

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My dear Daughter: I send you here
with something that I doubt not
you will prize more than the
long letter I have not time
to write. If you can take it to
a lapidary's and have it cut
I think it will make you some-
thing nice, and you will have
the consolation of knowing that
your father - blind old mole
as he usually is about such
things - actually found it
himself without any help or sug-
gestion from any one. I don't
know how it will cut but think
some pretty ornament may be
made of it. Your long letter to
K.C. which you sent to K.C. Kans.
instead of K.C. Mo. gave me great
pleasure when it finally reached
me. I am highly gratified at the

healthful and sturdy development
which is coming to you now and
and so glad you escaped the fate
of the prodigy. I do not see any-
thing to prevent your growing
strong and true up into a
grand womanhood and a
noble life. Do not be in haste
even yet my dear. The longer
you put off the climax of growth
— the more you delay the refer-
ring — the sweeter and more
enjoying will be the perfect
fruit. I do not know when I have
enjoyed anything so much as
your pleasure and Uacuma's at
Washington. I know you missed me
but I enjoyed it all and am sure you
were happier than you would
have been had I been with you. You
know it is my infirmity to see the
pleasure of others even when I most
desire to enhance it.

With tenderest love - a.w.t.