My dear Mrs Sourgee

I wrote you a note and enclosed it in the package of books which I expressed to you from Cambridge the day before my departure from that place. I again wrote from Asbury Park where I spent the Summer months.

I wish to say that the little bed you so kindly loaned Evangeline will be at once returned. I must apologize for not doing this before, but as I expected to pay Maryville a flying visit on my return from the sea decided to wait and return the article in person.

I was recalled home by telegram,

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My dear relative, Judge Holton.
Having been suddenly stricken
with blindness and in St Louis
alone.
I think so often of you all and
wonder how the Judge is.
My acquaintance with your family
and home will ever remain one
of the bright spots in my memory.
My mandolin has never ceased
speaking of the Judge and often
recalls to her friends the wonderful ex-
ploits of Tom and Lollard.
My love to all in which baby joins
me. I remain, dear Mrs Sawyer,
Yours very sincerely
Ladra B. Hastings
2634 Locust St
St Louis
Oct. ninth,
Ninety four.

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