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My dearest Mama

I arrived here in  
safety yesterday evening, after  
a remarkably smooth &  
unadventurous crossing. The  
Highbury visit was also unadven-  
turous. It was a young party,  
specially invited for a bicycling  
expedition & it was rather a  
shock to their nerves to find  
that I had arrived minus my  
machine. The company consisted

of Mr. & Mrs. Cane & several younger  
men - viz Jack Hills, a Mr. Gillon  
& a Mr. Reece Williams. Unluckily  
I didn't find out which of these  
people was the one I really adored  
until I was leaving the house on  
Monday morning. So that was  
rather disappointing. All were nice  
but the general effect painfully  
petrifying. I chiefly fell to the  
lot of Neville who seems to be rather  
a charming person & more human  
than most of the family. Austin  
was away. As for Joseph he is

far the most pleasing & the  
least petrifying. He flowed  
with conversation of the palpating  
interest & I was sorry that  
you weren't there to benefit.

This family consists of Gertrude  
& her brother & their nephew aged  
8 & a governess. The brother has  
hardly been seen as yet; he is  
tall with ~~black~~ <sup>black</sup> hair. I feel  
slightly inclined to become enamoured  
of the Irish race. Their method  
of speech is captivating & the  
twinkle of the eye is very pleasing.

A ~~to~~ well known lady of Dublin  
called Mrs O'Grady came to lunch  
today + was quite charming; the other  
guest was a very earnest & American  
girl + the two people talking away  
on weird topics in their different  
languages were most amusing.  
There has also been a very nice  
(to talk to) parson so that the whirl  
of society so far is surprising. We  
live on a high hill about 1/2 an  
hour's drive from Kingstown Pier, but  
I ~~was~~ still feel rather vague  
as to where I am. Will you please  
give the enclosed to Ellen  
Your affectionate daughter  
Philipa