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from the responsibility of running the home and the greater selection and regularity of your food. Most important of all, perhaps, would be that you could be induced to sleep during the evening hours.

I think there is no particular hurry for you to try to go thru Stolle's things. As I have said before, I am perfectly willing to have you and Grayce divide what she has, only so you let me have some of the old keepsakes and heirlooms and some of mamma's and papa's precious letters. If mamma's music has been preserved, I would be very happy to have that and have the sheets repaired as necessary with transparent tape. I presume collections of music of that period are quite rare.

If your basement is thoroughly dry, I think it would be well to save the storage charges by having the boxes moved into your home. If you do so, it would be well to have each box placed on blocks so that it could not absorb dampness from the cement floor.

While I don't know that Mrs. Blackhurst has any real interest in things belonging to her father's family, I think she is entitled to some consideration--not for what she has or has not done--but because of what her father did for Stolle. While I let a week or more elapse without writing you, it was because I was momentarily expecting word from you or Grayce, and I had become quite worried before Grayce's letter reached me yesterday and yours today.

When we look at it practically, we three children have lived about the normally allowed span of years and we cannot any of us or should not look forward with great expectancy for a long number of years. I would like to have you regain your health and I think you could look forward to ten years of pleasant and useful life.

Dorothea is still here, but expects to go home next Sunday, and Gertrude will accompany her as Dorothea has billed her for a showing of our South American pictures and a talk. She will probably be away for perhaps a week.

Our housemaid left yesterday for a few days at her former home in Parsons, Kansas and expects to be back Sunday. Now that we have chickens at home, it is almost necessary to have someone there who can look after them.

We have had a great deal of rain since early in May. If you notice the Journal-World, you will see comments upon it. The river now is practically at a flood stage and the intermittent rains which have been falling every day occasion worry. The prospects for crops are a little uncertain on account of the wet weather. It is most too late to replant corn.

With a great deal of love and hope for your complete recovery, I remain

Your loving brother