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[Letter from Shary to Mr. Heard]

Dear Mr. Heard –

Here are some of the letters and some of the stamps, which Mother, with mistaken zeal tore off the envelopes. – I have some more letters and some more stamps which I'll try to locate. – The John Roebling letters refer to an agreement [agreement] between my great – grandfather and Mr. Roebling. Mr. R., as you know built the Brooklyn bridge, but before that day, Grandfather heard that he has a talented young engineer

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and sent for him to draw plans for the suspension bridge between Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati [Ohio]. Grandfather wanted this built in order that his four little daughters need not ferry across the river to school! Roebling stayed at Grandfather's house, and, between mint juleps, drew up the plans. This was, I believe, the first suspension bridge in U.S. – possibly the world. I have all the plans, papers, etc. – I enclose a Jefferson Davis letter. – Still can't find the one from Henry Clay. I will pop in tomorrow to see you.

Hastily,  
Shary