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[Letter from Mary Bruce Green Sharon to her future husband Frederick Christy Sharon]

114 Washington Street.

My dear Mr. Sharon:

Your very interesting letter and the lovely books came Saturday and I can assure you they received a most cordial welcome.

I should have written

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you Sunday, but we had company the entire day and I simply did not have a moment to myself.

Books I dearly love and I can not tell you how much I appreciate and thank you for the lovely ones

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you so kindly and thoughtfully sent me. Indeed Mr. Sharon you could not be too enthusiastic over these stories – I have just read the first four and I think they are simply fascinating to me "A Hazard of the North", is one of the sweetest and most charming stories I have ever had the pleasure of reading This one I read twice and now I can scarcely wait to finish them

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And then begin all over again for they will remain interesting always.

314 was not dropped 316 from its memory, indeed no! How fondly memory treasures those hours of cloudless happiness spent in 314

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the parlor, corridors, and piazza's of the dear old Washington Hotel and on the ---- roof. Even now I can hear the "sad faced" time of Miss Skilton's [sic] little vial [?], can see again the interesting inhabitants

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of "Hagan's Alley" and hear the voice of that fond Mother as she calls so sweetly "Ea-rl" Even the man with that <u>awful mustache</u> has not been forgotten and the two little French women are pleasantly remembered –

Dear, dear old Kansas City [Missouri] I shall ever lose it, for some the happiest days of my life have been spent there. I delivered your message to Miss Skilton [sic] and as she is

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most anxious to retain your friendship she has taken a solemn vow never to play any thing [anything] composed by Tilas. Ive [I've] wondered if [?] you ever lived after hearing that garotle [sic] again

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and I simply can't imagine how you kept from laughing. I had a fine time the day I spent with Miss Skilton [sic] – the drives around Boston are simply superb at this time of the year and after lunch

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we took her small sister's pony team as she calls it and went for a long drive through Brookline – it, I believe is considered the most picturesquely beautiful of all Boston's [?] suburbs –

We talked of the glorious past and of our many friends in K.C. [Kansas City, Missouri] did you and the Doctor's ears [?]

We are simply taking in this part of the country, the thermometer stands at <u>102</u>, don't believe you

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can boast of more heat in Kansas City [Missouri] can you?

Well, I know what you are thinking! [?] don't get discouraged for I am not going to say another word [?] kindest regards from all – I remain sincerely Trusday [?]

Mary Bruce Green