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April 26<sup>th</sup> 1886  
So Williams Cambridge Mass.

Emma Williams Cambridge

I wrote to Mr. Copeland asking you  
for some information or answers to some  
questions, and presuming you have seen  
the letter, and as he has not wrote back,  
would you please to remind him of the  
letter, and ask him to state the reason  
why he has not wrote back. I should  
like you to explain away some of the follow-  
ing suspicious circumstances and events  
which I mention further on, and also would  
you answer some further questions besides  
those I put to Mr. Copeland. First it's  
Robert Hance a tool of yours whom you have  
employed to work the case of Maud and myself.  
The reasons for this question are the following. When  
I came home from Copeland's the Sunday before I  
came here, you asked Robert if I thought she really  
was dead, and then you laugh, which meant that  
I was supposed to be under the conviction of believing  
her to be dead. Robert further stated the Saturday  
before that he mother had a peculiar taste in her  
mouth, this taste I presume to be procured by her  
food being poisoned. Robert on taking me for a  
walk stated that he wished to advise me for my  
good and wish me to take a walk towards the  
anylum, now I presume all the good I should have  
got by it would have been a lodging in the  
anylum, while you <sup>were</sup> free to poison Maud  
to death. Robert when he came here, stated that  
E. Con, Mother, Hazzel, and Myself were clear of  
what we were clear he did not venture to state,  
either he kept suggesting foolish things, asking if  
that stone bottle was any body's, it would bear a

got off to a roaring about, gallant of a little girl by  
Mr. Spencer, I said they were going to fight on again  
again one night, but did not say what but gave  
me the impression that the gallant <sup>reference</sup> was from  
a fire, and that a similar game was to be played  
that, when he stated that they were going to try it  
on again, she lighted the shops with fire out, and  
he ~~stated~~ <sup>stated</sup> its right. Now let us review some events,  
which have passed relating to Maud. The first  
time I spoke to her was at our house, when I had  
that absence some years ago, it was very rare that we  
met and the only time I have been with her was in  
helping her with a porch to Mr. Ynegg's shortly  
after her father's death. Perhaps it was Maud I met  
near the Asylum when with George Burns, as I was  
going with him to their house. The young lady  
was conscious, George Burn looked at me in a mark  
ed manner and as he has not been on friendly terms  
with me, but has been distant in manner. I may  
presume, he supposed I had done injustice to Maud.  
When at that house he spoke about a Miss Malgum  
being a beautiful, I had noticed the name in the  
Asylum Concerts but know no young lady of that  
name, was it Maud under a false name having  
a good memory, I shall be able to answer any  
questions which Mr. Burn would like to put to me  
during the coming trials. For I presume you have  
had some charges against me. The Sunday before  
the death of Mr. William Jaquet, you sent me to  
the house, where there being only Mr. Jaquet  
and Maud in the house, who seemed to be afraid  
of me which fear I presume was caused by her  
having been made to believe that I wished to  
get possession of her person. Dr. Stephenson came in  
late for of an hour afterwards, and Maud who was  
looking pale, suddenly turned red in the face.  
After Dr. Stephenson came out of the kitchen I hav-  
ing in the meantime being in the room Maud  
had been made to put on a bow-looking wig,  
on her hair. The Sunday morning on which Mr. J.  
did you requested me to go to Mr. Jaquet. I stated

that I would go in the afternoon and went out for  
a walk, when I got back and said I had not been  
to Mr. Jacques, you got into a bad temper, and was  
calling another for some time, so she stated at the  
surre. Now where was the necessity to go into a temper  
since the afternoon would have been more convenient  
to Maryd and Mr. Jacques to see me. Again you got  
into a temper because I went to help to pack the furniture  
of Mr. Jacques there being a desk of considerable weight.  
When I got back mother said you had been stopping  
for 2 or 3 hours, just because I had gone to help to pack.  
On the Monday night, before I came here I went down  
stairs to see if all was right, now you had pretended  
to have retired for the night, on going down I saw  
the gas was turned full on, and the table was set  
out as if for a meal, the things please to remember  
were cleaned up, and set ready for a meal, there  
being however no food on the table. This was  
a suspicious looking, and that there was going to  
be some foul play, was made clearer when you  
asked me that question, "Would you like to see  
this?" Now I was on the alert watching for the opening  
of any doors which would have sent a stream of  
light along the bottom of my door. At last  
I got up to see if the door would open, and  
found it was fastened tied it three times, it  
could have been fastened by a piece of wood  
being fitted up to the Norfolk Latch. The door  
was some way up, and I naturally concluded that there  
was some way up, and jumping out of the  
house, but changed my mind and tried to vault  
on to the roof, had got one leg on the flanking when  
it gave way, the intention being to force a way  
through the back garret window. Mother then  
came to my bedroom window and shouted in  
great fear to me, I vaulted back through the  
window, and got half her into your room, but  
had the brooms and stockings on. You then said  
be quiet my dear lad, and try to be calm we

intend all for the best and you further stated  
that the best bed-room was my bed room. You  
ask me to get into the bed which I did, but was  
ready to spring on you if you ventured to go  
out of the room you, you then requested mother  
to lay beside me but that I would not allow  
you then said it was to take care of me, you  
again pressed her to lay beside me, but I hindered  
her from getting into the bed, she then settled  
her face on the pillow, but I did not allow her  
to get in. You then ventured to go out of the  
room, having placed your hand to your abdomen,  
upon which I told you if you ventured out of  
the room it was at your peril, I intending to  
resist it to the utmost, mother then persuaded me  
to go on to her shoulder, you again ventured to  
go out of the room, and placed the hand to the  
same region, when I said if you venture to  
go out of the room I give you in charge, and  
throwing mother off, stepped between you and  
door, upon which you screamed, Take her down,  
Take her down, now this will mean that  
Annie or some one was to take Maud down  
Mother about the same time said Annie had  
gone to clean the things up down stairs,  
now when I went down at 10 o'clock and the  
table as I said before was tidied, she could  
therefore have ought to clean up unless  
there had been some persons at supper  
after 10 o'clock. Copeland after I had  
stated that I would give you in charge  
if you ventured to go out of the room, mother  
went down stairs to get some food, you  
having lighted a fire in the room, and 3  
cups of coffee been prepared you gave a por-  
tion cup to me I know it was poisoned  
but drank it, so as to save Maud when I  
supposed was in the house at the time

Copeland who I supposed was a quack, then  
came into the room, and asked me what was  
the matter with me, and I told him that my  
father wished to force me on a son me an act  
of villainy, that being my impression of their  
driving Maud into our house as it was plain  
he had. Now father had sometimes remarked  
that I seemed very proud of Maud, which is  
the truth, and that such a hard heart and  
affectionate girl, should have been put to  
such an amount of suffering, is enough  
to have drawn blood from the stone heart  
but you, you still were determined on her  
marriage that night I told you I would marry  
her this was to save her, as I feared my  
efforts for her had were to late, and that  
you had some hand in the villainy, you  
who was poisoning me. Now Copeland  
having come I went back to my own bed,  
and told him to give you in charge, he  
said he had brought to give you in charge,  
I said I had lost all my strength upon the  
ground so put a bad instruction. I meant all  
the power had gone from my limbs. He  
then asked if I should like to see a  
doctor I told him I should not, that night  
Maud then came past my bed room, and  
Copeland said I could trust him could  
not, I said yes believing he would not  
do her such an injury, as it seems he intended,  
he then went into the bedroom where  
Maud was I expect Anne was in too.  
He went through the same indecent per-  
formance as you, upon which I told  
mother who was sitting besides me to

let me get my trousers on, upon which she  
told me it was all right, and tried to pre-  
vent me from getting them on, and seeing if  
there was fair play in the other room. I kept  
her opposing my getting up, I told her  
she might as well take a knife and stab  
me to the heart for if the deed had been  
done that night, the plot against Maud,  
and myself would have been successful  
and we should have been dishonoured  
before the World. Mother then pretended  
to believe upon me saying the foregoing  
to mother come from the room, and said  
he could not help me now, and something  
to that effect, I told her what I had said to  
mother. Mother after this pretended to  
make water, upon which I took the hint  
and I suppose mother took it into the  
other room. She next got a photo which  
I presume was one of mine, and took  
it into the other room. Upon coming back  
she nodded to me to intimate it was  
accepted, this tends to show you had  
given false notions to Maud about me.  
I had told mother 2 or 3 weeks before to  
give my photo to Maud as from a cousin  
upon the whole she having been dis-  
tant to me, through the false report  
I presume. I had given the photo under  
the impression that it would perhaps  
be the last time I should see her.  
After this a doctor came into the room  
and examined the water. Next morning  
I was given to understand that Maud  
was safe. However next night she

was at our house. Emily being there also  
mother, and Copeland, whom I thought  
I thought the sayings of mother and Emily  
I had done an injustice too. The night  
before, these being at our house I thought  
Maury was in safety but the truth is  
that Copeland is a villainous scoundrel of yours,  
I suspect he got the so-called medicine sent  
on. Now this was really the address of  
a villain. For the action of the so-called  
medicine counteracted the action of the poi-  
soned food. And thus was how I managed  
to baffle your efforts to take away my  
life, on the other hand the so-called med-  
icine took me to the border land of  
insanity. Since I wrote to Copeland  
I have to inform you that one man here  
has been twice temporarily insane through  
the taking of food, once caused through  
using salt for an egg, the salt being intend-  
ed for me. The other time perhaps a simi-  
lar affair. Now these are no delusions, but  
what are called every-day matter of fact.  
But now for a few stray questions. At  
the party of Copeland soon after Christmas,  
at which Maury was poisoned, why was  
she made to put on a low-looking Junge  
was not her habit to dress her hair in that  
way during her father's life, and why  
walk her sleeves without lace or some such  
ornaments, the sleeves also by no means  
looked becoming of her, and why was  
the food poisoned at supper. Time I  
remember the sensation of being full after one part





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