

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 22, 1876, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. Philadelphia, June 22d, 1876. My darling May:

I am going to send you only a line tonight that you may know that I am thinking of you. I am so tired out that I am by no means in letter-writing condition. I have been hard at work all day upon my exhibits. All is in readiness to try tomorrow — but I must say I feel very nervous about the result. If I can only make the transmission of vocal sounds a success — I am sure of notice — but my apparatus has been injured and there is no possibility of removing it from the building to have it repaired. The things were either very badly packed or my trunk was treated most unmercifully on the way here. Seven of my glass cells were smashed to pieces. The cones of my telephones were completely flattened — and nearly all the instruments injured more or less. However I think I have succeeded in putting them into some sort of shape.

I have made the acquaintance of an Organ Exhibitor who has become quite interested in my instruments — and has offered to repair my organ for me. Oh! How I wish that horrid Sunday had passed. If there is anything left of me after the Exhibition it will be found on board the Sunday night train for Boston — and on Monday evening I hope to — I can't write tonight and so I shall go off to bed to dream of you — Dom Pedro — and Sir William Thompson — and hope for the best.

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Your loving, Alec. Miss Mabel Hubbard, Brattle Street, Cambridge. P. S. The Superintendent of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company has kindly offered to lend me as much battery-power as I want on Sunday. I must see whether I can't get some one

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to operate my organ for me — as it is impossible for me to be in two places at the same time.