Brooklyn
17th Jan 1897

My dear Mrs Bleeker

I have received your letter, and if I fail to look for it I shall miss the pleasure

Many thanks to yourself and daughter, for the kind remembrance you sent Ethel for the Holidays of her marriage. I wished and asked been what I should get, that would be much useful, she wrote and said it would be better if I sent them a cheque then she would get something up to her to do after things got, but in the fall as no doubt she will write to you herself before long - Bertha presents compliments, and she has asked me

to keep it, until I have an opportunity
of sending it off. Ellen seems much
pleased with her new home, she says
everything is so pretty and good, and
the house itself is very fine, and
all have received her so kindly —
At times I seem to miss her so
much — especially on Sundays —
Dear Mr. Pleasants I receive from drapp
for last month such a sum, after
deducting the £3.0.0 — I am sorry
to tell you, your insurance will be
more this year, as they have now
got an Infected tariff and it is higher
than any Insurance Company for
£400 formerly I paid 12/- this year
it is £1.1.6 — Everything has gone up
in price — Beef we don't care to use
Mutton is 8d a pound and likely soon to
be 1/- Fowls you can't get under 5/- each

Mr. Scott has been for three weeks, the children had not been here for two years, but I have seen him once, then he was playing in the garden and he asked her whose little girl she was, she looked up and smiled

Yours, your ever loving Daddy

Dick has been very ill with sore throat, then was laid up two days & sends love to you

Your Dick pelt x

The Japan is to Brussels to-
morrow but don't mention it.
George has had a long letter from
Lee & appointed Chief Clerk at
Thomas Corner, his wife seems to
think Douglas is not a charming
place. It is premature.
Harry is much better, and I hope
will come home by Sunday, but he is naturally
rather flurried, & always turns time
about it.
Ella comes on the 27th to
Breakfast, I am very sorry as
I shall not be able to get down, seems
years ago since I saw Thomas.
The Garden is looking so pretty
full of flowers. Remember me
to the girls and send love to Fanny
from Sincerely Yours K. B. Beach.