

Matapuna

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My dear Papa

Another mail is going out to-morrow, so I expect I must try & send you a few lines, though I am afraid I must not much tell you. Mr. Beach forwarded yours & Nellie's letter to me last week. I could not make out how it came till I opened it. We are getting on about the same out here. The weather has been splendid for the last month just like summer at home & this is the first month of spring so I hope it will keep fine for a time. I see by the papers that the English harvest is not so good as was expected but I hope it will not be so bad as it has been for the last few years I expect you are thinking about soon beginning to cut some of the corn.