

Brooklyn.

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Dear Boy -

I received a short letter from you yesterday - and am glad that you are well and happy - Hope you enjoyed your visit to Santa Rosa.

I wrote the last letter in instalments. I have not written to you lately because I've been in great trouble with my hands - I suffer so I can't sleep and the sitting idle when there is so much to be done is very trying to me - and seems the children wanting buttons and straightening out - frets me - I have two bottles of Morphine and Opium but they make me feel so badly afterwards that I hate to take 'em

I had so hoped that my hands
would be well by this - but the
left hand is useless still
and the pain is terrible - the
first and second finger are raw
and Dr Johnson says it will be
at least another week before
I can hope to use it the nail
of the first finger is gone and aches
mighly painful - You know I am
a great fussyer anyway - but
you can bet I won't put out
another fire unless it's the children
I worry about Orey he looks very
pale and miserable - poor dear -
tomorrow I'm going to take him
up stairs and get a new nurse
I fear he'll take his death of
cold but he'll die in that
dark back parlor - Miss Martin
leaves tomorrow as I can't afford

to keep her longer and she has
other engagements - It snowed all
day yesterday and last night
and such damp and changeable
weather keeps the children with
coughs and worries me. Mother is
not so well - the weather is trying
and the children get her up
nights - Julia has been in
bed since Saturday she is very
sick faint - I think she is
going to have "another" though I
don't know and hope not -
Mother worries about it - I'll
write you a long letter tomorrow
Pam goes to school and
is lively - They all send their
love - I'm rheumatic in my
legs and arms awfully -
Amy talks of his Papa so
much it makes me nervous.

This motion is to put this in the
box so I must stop - I often
wish I had you here
though of course I am sensible
- gone to them 'Annette and Taylor
I am yours lovingly

Sizzie -

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