

Brooklyn N.Y.,
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Dear Boy.

Yesterday I received your letter telling me, you were back in your room again and the house given over to that Mr Van Hassell. It was a very pleasing letter and I was much relieved that you'd written me a rational letter ~~the~~ two that I received before were so weak and marked that I did not intend acknowledging them at all. I do not like sentimental letters - you can write me decent letters if you will, and I'd like to remind you, that you are supposed to be a man - and I wish you would write like a sensible one -

If your life and business does not suit you, it's no worse than it has been - and you ought to enjoy at rest from family

cares and domestic duties. You should
be thankful for your liberty to go and
do as you please. Don't be a bad
Boy and quarrel with your mercies.

Emma received and liked her letter
She is well and happy. so are Dudas and
Avery. Fanny is not well. I am breaking him
now for worms - if it's not that - I shall take
him to a Doctor. He goes to school so
irregularly it don't pay to send him,
but it employs his mind. I really do
not think there is much the matter with
him - but the family are all at me about
him - he always is rather disabling and
slow and white faced and short with his
sisters - so I'm not much worried - he'd
soon be spoiled if I gave in to all.
Julia wants him to stay a week at her
house - Cousin Julia wants the same,
Mother don't want him to go to school
or study - Father don't want him to run

or he reproved - they all object to what
he eats &c - so it's rather difficult
to maintain my even tenor of my
mind, however I am about able to hold
my own - it's all well meant. We have
had no cold weather so far - I've
bought Pann two new underdrawers and
a pair of stockings for him and a pair
for Dudu and I am going to buy Emma
a coat and fix over Dudu's coat which
looks very shabby. Father gave me twenty
dollars - part of it I have to let go on the
housekeeping but I'll scrimp out Emma's
coat. I regret to mention that my dress
that was new when I left is wearing out
in the sleeves. Luckily I have enough to
make new sleeves. There is lots to eat
here and everything bought for mother that
can be imagined. She is about the same
I think no weaker. This week she is to
have a new nurse - the one she has

had for the last six weeks - she's quarrelled
with, and a new one is coming.

Father is well and same as ever - he
has never said a word to me about
his affairs and I do not mention it.

I should have written to you two days since
but was unable to sit up with my bad
head. Yesterday I'd no time. Julia and

her children are well - she baby has cut

a tooth. I see by the Papers that Flood
and Co have joined hands with Johnny
Steele and I fear that is bad for the

interests of Scorpion. If so, try something
else to him as being - but don't desert
de Montaigne. and don't get low spirited

There are great preparations going on now
for Christmas and I expect the children
will have a splendid time - I've not

decided yet - whether I will send you
that tin stomach warmer or a foot
warmer for your Christmas.

When you see 'em Anello and Taylors give
'em "us love". Emma beams all over
when she hears about Per Eddie. She
sheds her love and looks like she
meant it. Andee sends her love to
Charlie and Alice. I suppose she 'Anello
house is for sale on installment.

I went to morning Church Pam Andee and
Emma went to School. I don't take them
to Church as Sunday is twice a day
now preparing for Christmas. I mean
Sunday School. I'm tired so won't write
any more. Write me a good letter you
bad old Boy and don't walk to the
Cliff House or any bad things. But keep
well and do your duty and grow
strong against the time when I return
to be your
Girl.

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