

Brooklyn N. Y.

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Dear Bro.

My time is spent watching
Lulu - she's well is out well on her - and
the Doctor says so far things are going
as well as you can expect in Scarlet
fever. She is very good - lots good - and very
lovely - of course the worst is to come -
So far Emma and Craig are well, though
Emma does not look or act well - and I
expect her to come down next -
Dorcas Julia has Pam at her house
for an indefinite time - if he is not
taken - its very kind of them - they are
all very kind - Pam looks his looks with
him - and a right nice handsome
suit of clothes Julia got him instead of
the large suit she sent last Christmas

I hope he won't leave it. though I fear to
wonder to hope. they were all in the
room with it. Aunt Mary wanted to
take Pami in her house - but Cousin
Julia had arranged to take him -
I do hope he'll behave - It's such a long
sickness at 15 best. So sad that Mother's
Christmas anticipation are all broken
as Julia could not let her children
enter the house - and probably Julia can't
leave this room. I hate to leave her an
instant myself as so much depends
on her taking cold - Julia and Sam
come here every day and they ought not
to - I fear her children will take it.
Don't you make the mistake you did
when Lee was sick and come on -
Just stay where you are and make
the money to take us back again.

even if I take it - there are lots more
miners in the world - If I find all take
it at once. Ill get that nurse Mother
had - all the children love her and she
is real nice with them and we work
together very well. Everything is Carbide
acid and chloride of lime that I breathe
or eat - I am in it so much I never get
away from the smell - I am very anxious
and worried but there is nothing for it but
patience. Mother I fear is not so well - she
does lots much with Emma and Greg
and oversees Louisa lots much -

Greg is very fierce. he praises himself
continually "as good boy". Greg good by"
but I must say he is not good with
his "nicks", Duke sends her love and
some kisses to you and says "Say
him how he is".

You cannot imagine how disappointed
I feel to have such a "blow" to all
we expected, and to such as had
fore to have. Write me a cheerful
letter - the weather is not very cold
I keep a fire in the grate all the
time and I trust I can keep her
warm - The shops and streets are
crowded with people buying Presents
I hope someone will write you and
that you will have a pleasant Christmas
we all send our love -

Yours

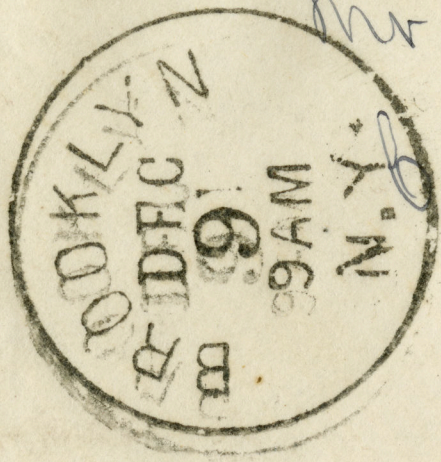
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