

Caroline
and
John
and
Linda
and
Gina

Brooklyn N.Y.
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Dear Abby -

Yours of the 16th and the enclosed
for Dudu were received on Christmas Eve
Dudu was much pleased with hers and
sends her love to you - when I have time
I'll write you a letter for her - They both thank
you for their white "boars" or "lippels" - I will send
Barn his shirt today no doubt he'll be
pleased - I did not give Avery his Present as
I do not at all approve of it - I shall - by him
some day and say you sent it to him -
and I will return the Cup to you now
by mail or bring it with me when I return
to Cal. - when you can give it to him if
you wish - but after telling them how reduced
we are and neither you nor I having even
decent clothes to appear in and there

being three silver cups now in the family
Pam having out grown his - it does just as
well for Mary, and all the useless silver
we have already that is useless. It does
seem to me that you must have lost your
senses - and I won't show it here anyway
when I can't pay your childrens doctors bill's
even. Whistlers passed off very quietly
Julia came around three times - her
children are better but not out. The weather
is terribly cold. I am up but am sick
enough to be in bed and would be if I'd
anyone to take care of the children.
Dr Johnson says now a third of his entire
practice is scarlet fever. in his families the
parents are down with it from taking
care of their children. I brought Anna
down in a quilt yesterday and put her

in bed with Emma in Father's room so they
could have their Baby Nurses and be
together - they enjoyed themselves very much
and had lots of things. Gray spent his
day alone in the back parlor with Beow
who is half sick - but very good to him - he
was brought up to see his Grandmother for
a few moments - he has a cold and
cries a great deal but is lively.

Pam had an elegant day at the Salimons
today I believe he is to go to Julia's to live.
The Salimons sent the children lots of things -
so did Julia. they all got a dress from
Grandma - I got a piece of stuff to
fix over my green silk dress into a suit
his pair of stockings - gloves and a large
bottle of cologne from Under Tom.
The little girls sat up in bed and had

lot of fun. Julia and I gave Mother a pair of slippers and a pair of gold spectacles - she lost hers at Morrison's - I gave Sonias a dress and the children gave her a hamper &c -

The Plumbers are here tearing up the water works and putting in Sanitary traps pipes and fittings that will cost lots of money - I don't see how Father can pay the expenses of the three families - he never says a word - Mother has taken cold and I am very anxious to get the room cleared and the children up stairs again so Father can have his room. He sleeps with Mother - so her nurse is no use to her and she has to get up - if she wants anything at night John is cleaning the room for me and I have to put everything that I take out of the room or off the children into hot water

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