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Dear Boy.

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> I received this Monday morning. I received a letter from you last week the date I don't remember and can't get up to see. Yours of this morning does not please me. Men don't cry, and facts and disagreeables must be met continually in life and the idea of their causing you to feel sick does not please me - (Arny has pinned a veil to the top of his head with a big pant pin and is working about trying to get it off and complaining, "I hant get it off"! - he is very cross - though not sick. His natural disposition is most disagreeable. My right hand is black and blue after a tussle I had with Emma last night. She is awful hard to conquer - she looks



and let up on work - but it's not the  
style of rest I should have selected.

Mother feels very badly about Julia's  
condition - she is sick so long and  
suffers so terribly - Dr Johnson says it's  
the nervous shock of Jeanie's death  
that has made her so soon so ill.  
I don't know what to do about going home  
I want to - but I don't see what is to  
be done about Mother. she is much  
better than when you saw her - more  
flesh on her bones - but it's by constant  
care and watching - she least let  
up and she takes cold and has pain  
in chest and back, no breath &c -  
she will have to go to the country  
as soon as it warms - by the last  
of May - It will probably be somewhere  
in Jersey or not far up on the Hudson  
there are so few houses to rent in  
New York and Mr Johnson went there

I don't see how it will be much good when  
as she don't sit up - but perhaps she'll  
be better - The new colicues and spring  
dresses drive me sewing mad -

I can't sew a stitch, and it's so aggravating.  
my fingers are covered with flesh - but  
they are so sensible and the whole hand  
is painful I fear it will be a long time  
before I can make much use of it -

and my clothes are all in rags -

Ludw went out for a few minutes yesterday  
to walk - and today I intend to let Emma  
out - I shall have to get Ludw a new  
coat her's is too small for her - but will  
do Emma when we get home for playing -

This morning Ludw and Emma got  
Valentines from Charlie Taylor and are  
much delighted - I think all together  
they got 30 Valentines - Little children don't  
know - People are cruel enough to say  
that I was humiliated to make me rest



to yelling and kicking about going to bed  
last night, and she is so strong I could  
not get her onto her feet I spanked  
as well as I could with one hand  
but I was worn out and my hand bruised  
and lame before I got her onto her feet or  
to stop yelling an instant, and then it was  
only by drawing a glass of water and  
telling her, I'd throw it right in her face  
if she did not stop. that she let up long  
enough to say - she would not be good -  
She came up to bed as cool and hard  
as though she'd been good - She is very  
fat and well - all ready to day to take  
the next disease that is coming.

The new nurse Mary is young but very nice  
so far. Amy screams at her ~~her~~ and kicks  
tries to make her mind him like his "Beau".  
Julia is real sick, her baby was very ill  
Saturday but better yesterday - all its teeth  
are coming together - I am invited to dine  
at Julia's today - as its her wedding day



last week, and spent a day searching  
for a house to rent furnished for the  
summer or six months, no success. Julia will  
not be able to do anything this summer.  
If they can persuade Father to rent his  
house furnished for six months or a year  
they will - I don't know what Mother  
wants me to do. I know she chafes among  
her often and upset things generally. I don't  
particularly want to stay. but I fear if we  
go Mother will find it hard. I will talk  
with Julia about it. but I will let you write  
me what you think would be best.

If we staid until Sept - you'd give up  
the house I suppose and save the money -  
and we could get another house when  
we got back. I don't want you to give up  
the house but I don't see what you  
can do unless you could rent it  
to better advantage than you do now.  
However time will determine - I am  
- your son -



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