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Dear Dada -

This is Sunday. Pa brought me your letter and Anny and one from Aunt, he got them at the Post Office on his way back from Colma. I am very glad always to get letters from you and children - we enjoyed them very much - Anny wrote a very satisfactory letter. I am delighted that you went to the Theatre and the Mardi Gras even if you did get crushed - we don't have such crushing excitements here - but a million opening soon going to this week - anyone I care - that's my Sentin' disapproval - the Habs are the prettiest this year I've ever seen, not eccentric and silly as they usually are. Mina has very suddenly got religion very severely - is keeping a very strict Lent - is going to be Confirmed - Aunt don't object to that - but the fasting and numerous services are on her nerves and make it very trying for her family - however that will wear itself out by Easter - Allie is probably in Washington with one of his boy friends and his Pa for his week to get over the low fever he's had. I guess Emma will write you most of our adventures - we went to see the Hobart baby and took it or dress - white muslin. Mrs Hobart was very much pleased with the note you'd written her. The baby is large for his month and looks exactly like Pa so it's not pretty - but it may grow better looking - she calls it - Helen Elizabeth, and kind Mrs Higgins gave it

a real silver cup. all engraved with its name and
the givers name - the Hobart boys are all quite big boys.
Sam went to Church this morning at 11.30 and under protest
I find my children are all too grown up to mind my
wishes, and commands are a useless loss of dignity
as they are ignored - so I endure meals at all hours
and whatever they incline to. now Sam has gone to see Doc Weil
He a pretty little white pink embroidered sacque I
expect to take to music this week. Sam is really good, when
you consider his disposition - fries are very scarce - so our
surprise he gets along with his backhand at school - she
gave him one for a composition last week. guess it was the
first he ever had. Sam went out Friday with his Cello
and his Hip Slair to play at Marnie Barkers - he went to
church this morning and helping this afternoon - he'll probably
stop in to see how Hank is, on his way home - Hank has
been very ill this last week - is very weak - I went out
on Thursday with Emma to see him - he looked very
thin and ill, up to last night he'd seen no one
since - but if he's stronger today - he'll see the men
friends who come over from San Francisco - they can
only come Sundays - he is in his 3rd week in that bed
and I never knew anyone behave better - not once
has he complained - I suppose he'll pull through - but he
certainly is having a hard time. Mand was in last night
and brought a big bunch of violets & lilies of the Valley
at man in his office brought from San Francisco
to him - but Mand did not let him have them or
see the man - he was his week. I had a Squab
killed and brot him yesterday morning - but he
could not have it - Mr Morgan Paulsely called here
yesterday noon and he was not in - he saw Emma

I was out ^{at Hospital} and Emma had one of her worst cleaning
spells on - even the hall was upset - but I can do nothing
with her. she really cleans too much and often for any
ones comfort. I came home before he left - he went back
to Hartford last night leaving his family in San
Francisco - he'll be back for them in April - they are
all very well and happy - he looks very well - I saw
him off on the train as far as 16th Street - where we
left you just 3 years ago today - it seems a long
time since that day - yet there are few changes that
you'd notice - Cal is looking very well, so is Sam -
Sam is always thin and I do not believe he'll grow
any taller - I shall send you a pair of shoes for Easter
if they don't fit - you send them back - or give them away -
Remember me to Sadie when you see her - Mrs Maybach
says she liked Sadie - and remember me to Mrs Brown -
The weather here is beautiful - a very early season lots
of all sorts of flowers and trees blossoms all out
already - real hot as summer weather and all the
wash dresses on the children - Mollie Mathes has the
prettiest clothes as girls could have and she is very
stylish and good looking - The Samhams are well -
I hope you and Aray saw your Presidents funeral -
Don't neglect your sanitary precautions - better spend
your money in disinfectants than for a fever - and don't let
me hear if that medicine helps your headache any -
I'm going to buy a new dress - not a jacket - but a waist
and skirt alike dress - perhaps this week - I like to know
about your work - when you get into the 1st class let me know
Give my love and thanks to Aray for his letter - I hope that
mom is happy - when good weather comes I think you will
both feel happier - take day off your work and see

the Spring country - even if you only make one night
trips - why don't you adorn yourself more locally -
I'm thinking about what to buy Agnes for a wedding
present - have to get one for Lucretia and Mary Helen
I guess Emma will help on the Emilie Hamilton one -
I'm glad those K.A.T.s are getting married - hope
someone will get Annie Brewer - for she's going to be a
Dad Old maid if they don't hurry up - she has had
such a time with her face and the scars are there
and it wrinkles her and she can't help it - the
Christian Endeavor Convention is to be held here in
June or May - and the Endearers are now getting
ready - they'll hold it in the Exposition Building
in a very nice place - not sightly - I must put on my
aish shirt waist and go to dinner - so for the present
Goodbye -

Yours truly
Ma

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