



My Dear Mother

I am afraid you will not excuse me for not writing to you before. but I have not had time. Most two weeks ago, Nancy went to Brunswick, to see her folks, and said she would be back in a week, but was gone most two weeks.

Uncle John arrived here Wednesday morning, with his goods in the propellor. Aunt Sarah and the children came Monday morning in the cars, and we did not know anything about it, till Uncle John came.

Yesterday afternoon, Lucy Aunt Sarah and Mrs Adams came and make a call, but I was at school and did not see them. little Julian has learnt to walk.

I had a nice babyhouse in the shed with some girls other little ^ and one noon we went into the shed and M Prebles, set of cups and corcers, were gone. At night her little lightstand, and bureau 5

and chairs two ^ dolls were gone besides C Chadries little dolls they took M Dunlaps, little pitchers and left the washbowl and M Preble pitchers and

to wasbowl^ Alice Prebles little dust pan too was gone to. The next morning I and Mary were in the house at eating pineapple when I thought I heard somebody [cross out] in the shed and Mary wanted to go ind out but I gussed twas Grandma so we did not go out we suspected a little negro boy that

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Helen Paine is very intimate with this boy and I heard her telling him about the things and saying she wished she had <sup>them</sup> and we are pretty sure it is him. M Preble lost a dollars worth of toys.

Vacation begins next Monday and I expect to go out to Uncle Quimbys. the fourth of July will be a great day here. for the railroad is to begin, there will be an elegant procession. they are going to have an elegant spade, William P Preble is going <sup>to</sup> to put the spade in the Ground first then another takes it out and so on we expect Uncle Henry will be here the first of July. a few days ago Elizabeth Codman came and brought <sup>us</sup> a beautiful Boquette.

I am rapidly <sup>improving</sup> in French every day and Miss Cross says she thinks I shall <sup>be</sup> an elegant scholar. I want to see you all very much this spring and if you do not <sup>come</sup> I do not know what I shall do.

I am going to see Lucy this afternoon and expect to have a very good time. I have planted a peach tree in the Garden which I hope will be up pretty soon.

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Grandma send a great deal of love to you all and she is very <sup>sorry</sup> that <sup>you</sup> were disappointed in not coming to Portland this Summer. our Friends here are all as well as usual. and Grandma's health is pretty good for her.

Grandma says the grass Horsechestnuts and all the trees about the house look beautifully. she often you and Pa and the little ones were here to enjoy the shade of them. Grandma and I staid all alone when Nancy was gone except two nights when Cousin Eunice Weeks staid with us. Grandma said she felt rather lonely but not at all afraid.

We have not heard anything of Pa's relations for a long time.

Give my love to Pa and the little ones and accept a great deal of love yourself.

— From your affectionate Daughter

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