

things. One large china cat
with a snaggling head &
huge eyes I quite longed to
buy, but it was about
a foot high, & would have
been as bad as a whole
elephant, to take about with
me. I got a pair of gloves for
Eva, & a pair for myself
& a hat, which is to be altered
a little, & a ruff. Aunt Eva
got one also. I saw some
jimmy toy-men, but I did
not bring my shopping bag,
& had already 2 parcels, so
I could not bring them, but
as Clare says I find it very
needful to have sumner
on hand, & intend always
to have some in my
jacket pocket, so that I
may be ready for the Ferry

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Rock Ferry
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I reached
this last night about 10^o.
& found that the children
had inspired to be wakened
when I arrived, I presently
two little dressing-gowns
came tripping down - Silvia
& Grace have grown a good
deal. I look as rasy & well,
can be, I wished my little
Eva was as fat & as pink,
this morning I unpacked
the dolls' hats, & they fit fine
& give much satisfaction, &
the paper windmill in
chant's Dawson, who has
stuck it in the grass, & then
lies down & watches it.
with an absorbed satisfaction

as if it were grinding the yesterday after Mrs. Grandmother
care of three coonies - went away - so many have

The weather is bitter cold than bushes just coming
but bright & sunshiny, & into flower (they they call
growing warmer - the new here) I must send you
house is very large & nice some leaves as they are not
& most of the rooms are like ours
settled in a measure.

Some of the papers & papers here, & that makes all the
are of most modern design country look picturesque,
& I want the little girls to the hills, or distant trees
copy some, especially the one are always blue & grey, & the
in their room of a wild rose shadows even in the middle
you would love the garden distance nice & happy. &
with a stone wall round it Aunt Eva & I had to go
& my climbing all over & to lawn yesterday, she had
making it beautiful, also several things to get for the
some tall hedges of privet new house, so we were in
so stately & tidy & neat, & a number of shops, the one
about 8 or 10 feet high. I liked best was a "Liberty
shop" ask Clara about this it
was full of Japanese looking

I went for a little walk ^{Wednesday}
about the neighbourhood

and the penny toy - men
& the street cars - I will
realize what an error it
was, what a gross fault,
in fact, that I simply Simon
had not a penny, to produce
promptly when the pie-man
demanded it.

I enclose the ship's log
for Courcel - I paid two
shillings for it - at auction
as we had no concert, they
were prepared & sold in that
way, some for 5^s 9 6^d = the
money was to go to a man
orphan's - Do you know
that many of these live
in a large ship anchored
in the Mersey, there they
have school & drill & are
brought up to be sailors
or men of wars - I saw
3 of these boys yesterday, & they
looked so clean & smart
all in blue sailor dress
& caps & I noticed especially
that they had not any

their hands on the sides of
their trousers, tell Poppie
that.

Thursday
Tracy it is cold, indeed it
has been cold ever since
I left home & the trees are
not full out yet, there are
three Laburnums in this
garden all in bud. I have
so often read of Laburnums
but have never seen them
so look forward to the
golden shimmers of bloom.

I have just got Clara's
dear letter which is a
great comfort, as making
a connection again with
home - Mrs Crewe called
yesterday, but we were
out but we are going to
see her today, also if
fine for a drive in Mrs
Athens' carriage but it
is raining now, & if we can't
drive, the Laburnums will
be coming on -
With much love for all &
kindest regards to Miss Redwood from
Mather