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Dearest Clara,

I forgot your opinion  
 as to the tartan ribbon - I think  
 dear it w<sup>d</sup> be better not, for two  
 reasons. It is rather too showy & fine  
 to go well with a half worn school  
 dress, & there is not enough to make  
 a sufficiently broad front to look  
 handsome, & a fine skinny thing is  
 very bad taste. - You will find his  
 favour - but much more suitable  
 & also less common - I don't like  
 fleshy things on you, but Ruth never  
 looks so well as when she has some  
 brilliant - colours - about her -

I wish you w<sup>d</sup> ask grand  
 mama, if she w<sup>d</sup> some day speak  
 to Mrs. Keilly about that plush  
 coat, she might almost try it on  
 grandmama, for I shall certainly  
 need it - one I am anywhere with

other people -

You sh<sup>d</sup> have seen the show  
over the oysters - the first time I  
had to open them & Arthur gazed  
at the operation with great  
wonder & attention, the second time  
he undertook to do it, & I  
waited & waited, till I thought  
he must be unable to manage them  
so I went out to reconnoitre, & be-  
hold Arthur as a conjurer! slowly  
opening each on the back gallery  
with the entire household as  
audience, none having been at  
an oyster at home beforehand

By which - comes also given  
him a small supply of tea, what  
we have here is swarser than ever  
Mrs Kussel had her own, & it was  
a great comfort -

I am anxious to get away  
now, it is quite too dreary for  
Eric, We get all ready to go to the

village, today I was so long with all this  
dust & noise that I did not care to venture being  
out so late in the chilly evening & had to give  
it up. The short paper has come which will  
give us one small thing to do.

I hope soon that you drink plenty of  
milk, I want you to be fat & strong. You  
not take a glass at bed time, & a glass of water  
cold as hot-water is the morning and be as  
well as for you = I was glad you had a  
nice little party for you on the 10th, &  
hope you found the candles & the 8 omelet  
we were there to take a lesson  
I hope you & Ruth will be able to arrive  
at school, I don't mean as to how best

has Christ? I want you to be known as  
"indefinable" & unorthodox. I have all the little  
subtleties, enigmas, or selfish things that are so  
common in school classes.

With much affection my dear  
loved daughter - from  
your ever  
loving mother

I will send you a pair of new stockings  
in a story or two. Also some facts for Kate  
& the boys & promised letter.

There is only one  
mail a day from New York  
with me, that is the day that  
you are to be brought, at 9 A.M.  
Boston takes the letter, & they  
at 4.30. so it makes itself  
clear in country & town.