

3 Emerald Lairs  
the man says  
war. The most them  
twice what he says  
as they are so  
close I think that  
will prove one  
the real spectators  
I must get  
new ink in my  
bottle this is what  
had to do  
love to all  
especially the  
dear children  
affectionately  
Aunt

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I was de-  
lighted to get news from you  
far it seems very long since  
we left the peaceful shores  
of Antis - but that it is very  
unpeaceful here, for quiet  
is no name for the stillness  
of the place as far as I  
have seen it, I have not  
ventured into the streets  
at all, but like the  
spider sit at home in  
the haunts of my own web.

Various other kind have  
appeared at the house in  
pursuit of Bernard, but I  
have seen no body of any  
description - The gossamer  
Maggie spoke of from few



indeed I seem to be those  
who refuse ever to ripen  
but I found quite a  
number of lovely raspberries  
on papa's hedge. I fought  
with picked them. I have  
almost quite completed  
my arrangements though  
It was disappointing to  
Mrs Scott not turning up  
today.

I saw Mrs Gordon yester-  
day, & she seems quite  
desirous that I sh<sup>d</sup> hurry  
she seems impressed by  
my size, & at once sug-  
gested twins, cheerfully  
remarking, "We won't want  
for occupation if twins  
arrive" she seemed quite  
to relish the idea, wh<sup>ch</sup>  
may be a comfort if such  
an event did occur.

I am so glad that the  
children have begun well  
& only hope that you may



have as much pleasure  
I as little trouble with  
them as possible. It is  
quite pleasant to me to  
think of you really  
knowing them better, &  
seeing them as they could  
be seen in a busy town  
life, & so soon they, I presume,  
they will be babies no  
longer, & half the beauty  
of them gone. I had  
finished reading Deep  
Day to Eric, though I dare  
we will enjoy hearing it  
again, & may send some  
for the little ones "down  
we liked it so much -  
I have a little paper for  
him wh. I may send to-  
morrow

I am glad they did not  
miss us, I thought they would  
find Ineta's life sufficient  
Maggie & Flora have departed



this morning - Do you know  
that Rankin is writing  
letters for the witnesses along  
the Water Route to Chicago  
or some such title the  
way in last-Saturday's

Dr Hunt was here last  
night - I went towards  
dine there tomorrow to  
meet - some American calling  
Whitney is the name I think  
I tell him that it is risky  
to go, as a dinner-party was  
such time occurred when  
a baby arrived. The weather  
has become most-pleasant  
ly cool, a great-relief from  
Sunday & yesterday - We  
have got - our door open  
without-much damage -  
cpt - to the lock & key - them  
belong, so I have been able  
to see about - my sheets  
etc - I now feel easy on  
the score of being ready for  
the event. There are still  
a few trifles that might be  
attended to, but not of great  
importance -