


Charles Fleet &
frequent visits
about 1880

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Dear Mother,

A party of Indians
have arrived here with cargoes
of very pretty work - among
other things I remember of them
white canoes you admired so
much - single & double ones, I
got me thinking of sending
 it to some one on the
other side - but if you
we like more I we bring them
up - 25^{cts} single ones 40^{cts} double
I will soon finish the
panel on the dark sash, wh.
looks decidedly queer, but I
will send it up, & if you
think it worth while might
I want it - I intended it for
Tina, or Mrs Scott the two I feel
most under obligation to - I
don't find leisure this year to
do much - baby is just at a
stage when she & the others
cannot always be herded
together, & there are so many
"needfuls" to be washed that
it takes Annie a good while to

do morning work & leaving
to nurse Shelby at 8 prevents
my being long afterwards, so
I must have much persisting
to show this year - - but baby
herself is just splendid, by far
the best of the four not only good
but so jovial & merry & bright
sometimes I leave her on the shawl
for an hour & a half - & there is
never a whimper to be heard -
& she sleeps well too - I had
two bad nights lately but found
a flea was persecuting the poor
little creature, so no wonder she
was restless - I am thinking of
feeling her a little, but hate
to begin it is such a trouble
I do give her a few spoonfuls
now & then after I nurse her
just to touch her - & she takes
good humour & readily.

What about Dr. Stevenson?
I am grieved that you have
got such a slow coach for a
maid - for it is so worry some
you sh^d read the Life
of Mrs. Prentiss - author of Life
of Miss Hemmings - it is a most
interesting book - nice for the
voyage -

Miss Turner goes into factory - Mrs Fleet has
been here the last two days - stopping at the
Becks - Mrs Becks picked him up for weeks
he has been dwelling on baby & laughing
two months because he said the way to
reconciliation like her - He has established
Miss Dumber - such a joyful soul! he is over
the fence half a dozen times a day & makes
a dash at the children, or in fact - some
important news - I heard a long letter from
Dora the other day who is really home again
& very much settled down by the prospect of
a new arrival in her family &
Charles little better but has been
wider & she has been begging me to get her a
letter from the half - so of course I received her
a week since along she is the happy - the wife
in three years has seen - We have had our
weather for nearly a week - I must go now

succida - blann - strong - heavy - it seems to
affect rather throat - with little seems weak -
I will give her a little more I think

Very affectionately

Anne