



my mind upon the subject &  
When I meet with any people  
who are delicate & very  
industrious at the same time,  
I shall lend them the book, so  
that your kind thoughtfulness  
may not be all in vain.

As to the penholder, it is a  
perfect treasure, my fingers  
used always to be inky, the  
last shade were quite being  
worn away, before it was dyed,  
new & now no one who has  
not the privilege of corresponding  
with me need ever know how  
badly I write.

I hope Anna has not wasted  
much time in looking for  
her lace; I carried it off, <sup>meaning</sup>  
to finish it at once; but I fancied  
there was no particular hurry &

allowed other things to intervene.  
I did not finish one end as I  
think half a point was to be  
cut off there, so I left the train  
hanging, I only took one spool  
of thread & it won't go in a  
letter, I shall keep it till Anna  
comes for it!

You would feel sorry for us, if  
you could picture the confusion  
we are in, the water pipes are  
being brought through the house  
& a bath room is being fitted  
up, my dressing room & part of the  
room Anna occupied is being  
sacrificed for it, we try to look  
forward to the future benefits  
to be derived from this change;  
but the present discomfets  
command themselves to our notice  
with out any effort. I think you

should have this letter well shaken  
before reading it, as it must be  
full of dust. I don't know  
whether I wrote to Anna since  
we heard of Jessie's arrival. They  
had almost a summer passage  
& baby was as good & happy as  
he could be, sleeping the whole  
night through, & eating everything  
that was offered to him & a  
favorite with everyone, from  
the Cabin boy to the Captain.

The nurse was not ill & seems to be  
a treasure, for Jessie has ill all  
the way, not to much I think from  
the effects of the sea, as from all  
she had gone through before; but  
she writes cheerfully & we hope  
all things for them.

I am going to spend a few days  
at the Grange on Wednesday next  
he dined there last week & Mr. & Mrs.  
Giddin looked the picture of satisfaction