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Saturday

July 14

My dear Love,

Having come up stairs with the laudable intention of going early to bed, I now feel much more inclined to sit-up & chat with you, even though I seem to realize in myself Jeremiah's wish, & to find my head a fountain, & my eyes rivers of waters - Of all small woes, commend me to a cold in the head as the worst - I kept the day by trying to lie in bed much against my own will but mamma was positive however before very long the washerwoman appeared & demanded the clothes, so I had to get up as not only the garments in which I was clad needed to go, but also the sheets

I pillow cases — — — After
dinner, Eva, Kate & I went
down to the beach where they
erected a nice little shelter
from the wind, with poles &
y^e-rug, & we sat & snugly
warmed while Grandma read
aloud — by & by I deserted to see
how Eric was faring, & found
him enjoying the sunny side of
the road in his carriage, then
I wandered off into the woods
woods nearly opposite the house
& found some beautiful cedar
trees near Adams my room, &
the delicious odor of wh. I hope
soon to be able to appreciate, &
also took observations with
regard to a certain clump of
trees wh. I hope soon to sketch
my present ramble was sum-
marily closed by the sound of
hulls bellowing — I dare say being
quite at a safe distance but
the woods at once lost their
charm & I speedily retreated

monotony of the road -

"burt" little boy does look so pretty with colour in his cheeks & each day he takes more notice his Indian rubber plaything he becomes quite fond of - biting it viciously, & also squinting at it with a most determined expression, as his uncertain little hand, brings it nearer to his face - Frankie takes a great interest in him jumping up him about - till he throws up his latest meal, & then making derogatory remarks as to his vulgar habits -

Walter is quite devoted to his old mamma, & his appetite for being amused daily increases I expect - he will very soon "want to see the watch go round"

Here my conscience becomes so much, for my inclinations, & I must stop with a long "good night" for my dear, my far away, & dear, dear, old husband

Sunday

I have had such a very pleasant day, dear, in the morning I let Jessie go to church, & stayed with the baby, I put him in his carriage & there he slept the whole morning, & I had a nice little read on the gallery first I read the book of Lamentations wh. I think wonderful in its poetry & passion, & then from the nurse about the Lord's mercies being new every morning. I wandered off to the common "Take up yr - cross daily", fr. that to David's perpetual declarations of praising God every day, then to Jeremiah's prophecy that ~~we~~ we w^d come that we might remain in righteousness & holiness, all the days of our lives - I step after step & rest after rest unfolding the "day by day" nature of our Christian walk & the daily promises of grace to enable us so to walk. Then I read a short but interesting account of Greenland

missions, by wh- time the ² church
was over & dinner ready, then
Col. Hamilton who is a "dear
man" had service in the hotel
such a plain, true clear dis-
course on N.E. our wisdom
rightness, sanctification &
redemption - he indulged in
no platitudes about human
sinners, & impossible virtues,
but showed how many false
gods occupied the hearts even
in N. ten countries. Showed
earthly wisdom to be but folly
if without the heavenly. God's
most clearly & strongly of rightness
was being alone in N.E. - ⁱⁿ ~~truth~~ ^{righteousness}
humanity being at best ~~useful~~
incomplete, only c^d be complete
in N.E. - then a few words as a
sanctification of the final redemp-
tion of both soul & body -

Such an earnest address so many
so humble, so definite in aim,
& expressed in such good English
quite a treat, & the listening
people almost more of a sermon.

at least - I found them so, but
as you know I have a special
mania for watching people, &
piecing together what I know
of their lives, & the expressions
on their faces -

Monday

Little Eric every day adds to
his stock of knowledge, & takes
notes on all that goes on, sleeping
more than ever, he sleeps better
too, but will wake up about
3/4 of much to my dis-comfort.

After his bath I take him out
directly & then he goes to sleep, &
quite often sleeps the whole
morning - He still has a little
Diarrhoea on & off, but as he does
not seem at all ill, I think
it must be his teeth, also I feel
persuaded that those white marks
on his gums are the teeth, for I
remember seeing a pretty little
skeleton at the ladies lectures &
all the second teeth were ar-
ranged along the outside of the
jaw, just where the marks are -



A man has just gone past in such a sweet heat, but he did not stay long enough for me to get a really good likeness the horse looks rather large for the cart does he not? but it was all the fault of the man joggling past too fast.

Louisa & mamma are chattering like magpies beside me, & the fat lamb slumbering beside me you will see such an improvement in him, I hope I shall be able to bring him up to meet you at the station.

I am going to try & bathe to-day - & I do hope it will agree with me, I have been using sea water in the house but it is a miserable substitute for a real dip -

The chatter is really too much I can not gather my wits enough to talk to you my Darling - if you could get a really pretty haughty wild it not be nice to send it to Dean Bond -

Suggest to Joan to get you some
salmon it is so good at present
& in hot-weather is lighter than
meat - Mamma will like a
package of Currie powder -
These commissions threaten to be
endless - Mary H - is coming
down the middle of this week,
but it may be less trouble to you
to send it by post -

The weather is really
lovely - but I have taken no
real walks yet, I seem to be
always watering around the box -
I am out constantly, & now that
my cold is really much better
I hope to grow stronger each
day -

With love dear, ever so much
love -
your own wife -