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June 28th

Dearest Bernard,

We have had no mail tonight - as the letters had not - come by 9 o'clock & we all had a lay & fit & thought - we we'd defer going to the Post - till morning. The trains have been very late several times since we came - it is a great matter for thankfulness that we got in as we did. I don't know what we have become of us if we had not arrived before such a late hour. Mrs Kelpoth's servants left town on Wednesday by boat & only arrived in the afternoon today, had missed the train, & come down by slow stages in accommodation ones - Poor creatures! they must

have had rather a hard
time, & the old lady went
just her house in very
good order when she arrived
Dinner

all day we have had a
strong hard East-wind,
rough sea, & cold. Eric wanted
to know did I not think
the waves looked like angry
dogs! He seems almost
well today, a trifle fretful
but that is all. I am quite
relieved about him. Eliza
is growing fat & rosy. She is
much delighted with the
letter-card you bought for
Eric & showed her this evening
with it in both hands,
saying A. B. C. vigorously.

This afternoon we drove
past the Astle's looking for
the lovely swamp rabbit, but
we could not find it. We did
find quantities of Labradia
tea in full bloom, purple
iris & ferns, but nothing fur-
ther returning I was horrified
to see a bull trot past us, &
mamma knowing my fear

of such creatures was doubly
terrified & insisted upon
all beating a hasty retreat
over the nearest fence -
I returned to the road - I
fear my condition causes
me to be a consuming care
to her -

We had salmon & green peas
for dinner, Eric & I shelling
the peas, wh. we both enjoyed
& then we made canals of the
largest pea-pods, & had quite
a charming time altogether

It is only a few minutes
after 10 o'clock but the family
have long retired to rest.
I must confess I am very
sleepy myself, so think that
perhaps wisdom would dictate
that I too shd retire to my
hard couch - It does seem
very hard this year -

If I had had any idea
that strawberries w^{ld} have been
so cheap & plenty I w^{ld} certainly
have had Jack make some
jam - If cherries are abundant
you might - you might get
4 or 6 quarts & have her make

them, you like it. & it is
so long since we have had
any, it will save me a good
deal of trouble, & she has very
little indeed to do. The sugar
you will need to buy - say
10 lbs. white, & she will want
some paper to cover the pots
I will write to her about it
only I do not feel sure whether
the buying might trouble you
too much.

I find that Carol of
letters rather a big bear, for
both the children want it
at once. I believe I shall
have to get two of every thing
in future, one for each. I must
blame Lizzie for she talks
too much of what belongs to
this & that one, however
Edith is much more aggressive
& of course ~~less~~ reasonable
than Eric.

Saturday

A Wet day rain & hail last
night - the flack that troubled
you began again & I had to
put a basin to save the desk
I have been covering clothes

I trying to get all the linen
in order after our disor-
derly week - so feel that
half my days work is al-
ready over -

I take good care of
yourselves my dear beloved
William has not yet
been to the Post means
to make one trip ^{at}
taking & receiving -

Eric is selling mackerel
any fish at 8 ^{ct} a lb -
The clock is just at
the hour of 10 - so I am
unwillingly obliged to stop

Love dear, & all best
greetings for my absent
dear husband -

Yours own
Ann