

Little Miss  
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With love  
Auntie

Dearest to -

We have just had a "high old day" - Clara's long promised hay-cart drive having come off at last - We had 5 consecutive days of cloudy weather no grain of sunshin' & drifts of fog & showers - To-day the wind shifted to the West & rolled the clouds up so we got a hay-cart - & a huck board & packed our own children Auntie - Herbert & path - Sulpice - Lily & Edward & two little Greeks, into the cart - & Clarence & I went over in a huckboard - with the catables - I sent the rig back for Eva Lurs & Miss Perling we went to Mt. Misery - & all bathed - there the children had tea, & we elders a cup of tea & home again - Eva &

walking on as far as Lurrip  
where Inckae returned & picked  
us up - The only draw back  
was that a party of the  
Hagues were also at the hut  
& Mr Dyson begged me to let  
Eric go back with him &  
Mr Gjo - in their boat which  
I like a donkey consented to  
& was horrified to find on  
getting out of the shelter of  
the bay that a strong & gusty  
wind had sprung up - which  
blew to a gale long before they  
ed cross - they had a sail up  
too - but - I saw them take  
that in, after wh. I was more  
easy about them - but I was  
thankful in no small degree  
to find him safe at home  
on my return - Eric said  
the gearing of the sail broke  
the boom & swung round &  
knocked his hat off so they  
had to take each one of their  
two ears & gave Eric the tiller  
they got well ducked in <sup>Canada</sup>  
among the breakers - Eric <sup>thought</sup>  
the whole matter an excellent  
& jolly affair - you will be sur-  
prised how well he can swim

& both Solita & Clara are not - doing badly at  
either - you will be amused to find what my  
friends in the High have become - though  
my S. was trivial & therone - but she is the  
most - imperfect, simple creature I so find  
the children; she feels personally obliged to me  
for having reared a large family; I am sure  
I am 91 is most - lady-like, & verbal intelligent  
may have applied her; she is greatly better than  
she - having cheerful - As I do not see  
them - but - is upset before long -  
my turn has gone down - tonight -  
but - I have not seen her, as mine I see  
has gone to a cell - at the point - & I am  
on guard at - home  
The lady I that - has gone going  
has been found, & the was found getting  
I total got that - I had received this as well

sent it to the bank & meted into cash - as I have  
nearly reached the bottom of my present sum.  
The family now make no substantial calls ~~of~~ <sup>on</sup> me  
other & besides it - I patronize the shoemaker  
quite extensively - hitherto labeling all the foot  
gear I laid in I have had to get 4 pairs of  
shoes made here, to save enough good money  
home-going, & autumn wears - I lately gave  
also 2 laid into the bargain - The boys order  
as ever, than the girls for their hats with the  
like here, & the girls also hats -

Eric & Ed are charmed with Rowland, they  
enjoyed their time well long close now -  
I have begun Eric on reading Dickens English  
as a replacement of part, & commentaries on the  
works by Kennel & he begins to see through some  
of the French, a little better - never, was I able  
to make comprehensibly what he says - than by myself  
to read through a small piece of French  
every week for the other -