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Dearest George, as mamma & papa are writing you some parental advice, I think I might as well send you a little billet to sweeten their admonitions.

Arthur Braeme has just gone away, we will miss him a good deal, as he has been escort in general for mamma & me. I will be sure to miss him because I don't suppose I will be allowed to sit out on the steps till late as I used to when he was here to sanction the proceeding by his august presence, he has brought I do could n't venture to say how

many packages of sweets for  
both me & the children.

I got a letter from O'Hare  
the other day he seems to be in  
great spirits; by the way I must  
thank you for yourself last  
letter, though it was not  
very long, nor did it contain  
much news. I have not even  
read the letter of William's  
which you enclosed, it looks  
so very like Euclid that to  
say a succession of last letters  
his letters would require to  
be learned with great pains  
& trouble like a hard ge-  
ography lesson.

There is really nothing going  
on at present, at least nothing  
particular; Dr Carpenter &  
a gentleman from California  
dined here the other evening  
the latter told us many curious  
things about San Francisco, es-  
pecially about the Chinese, he

says that persons <sup>110</sup> go from Cal-  
ifornia to China & contract  
for so many Chinese to  
work on railroads etc, the  
Chinese agent charges say  
120 Chinamen to the United  
States, & at the end of the  
time agreed on the contrac-  
tor has to return the 120  
Chinamen alive or dead, so  
when a Chinaman dies he is  
always embalmed; rather  
a good plan of the Chinese  
Government, is it not?

Mina is coming home I hope  
in about a week, the poor  
child has hurt her eye, & caught  
a bad cold, so I think it is  
quite time for her to come  
back home & be taken care of.  
I am so sorry that she is sick  
for I had hoped that her trip  
would do her so much good.  
Captain Thomson called  
to say good bye the other day

I was very sorry to see him  
go it seems so hard that  
men in middle life should  
have to leave the army or the  
navy speak a word for the  
Jesus who has redeemed  
them. I do think it is so  
noble & Christ-like of them to  
quietly tender their resignation  
without making any fuss  
at <sup>any</sup> notoriety, or even stating  
their reasons for so doing.

I think I told you before  
that I intend to go to St Louis  
next Tuesday, I write so many  
letters that I hardly know  
what I have said to one person  
& what to another, so you  
must excuse me if I happen  
to repeat the same thing twice.

What Taylors are expected at  
Caucasac? I give my love to  
Mr Allen when you see him.

Yours always affectionately  
sister  
Anna