

cloth for a suit for Frank, and had
raised a pattern cut for myself and a
Zouave jacket for Sella at Madam
Demoreet's. I will try to send these
patterns as well as one of the little
overcoat, by Howard. The last one
is quite as suitable for little girls as
for boys, and Lib may want it as well
as the jacket. My pattern may help
mother in cutting your dress. She may
like the journal that Madam Demoreet
publishes quarterly; there are two editions,
one at 25 cents a number has colored
plates and two or three patterns cut ^{out} of
tissue paper; the other at 10 cents is
without ~~text~~ of these.

Dr. Lynde and his sister Mrs. Wallace
called this morning with the Doctor's two
little girls. Mrs. Wallace has charge of
the children, and offered to show me
the New York stores and help me to
purchase for the children, as she is
going over soon for her charges. It
will give me a good opportunity I think.

H. Hamilton, N.Y. Harbor
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Dear Mary,
Howard and I have been de-
bating ^{the matter} as to whom I should write this
time. His order has been Mother first,
you next and Lib last; she may
expect a letter from him next week.

I will approve the same plan.

Howard is laughing, as he hears
Ernestine's voice, because he says I
have got something to tell, it is
this; the maiden had permission
to go over to the City yesterday, and
instead of coming back in the eve-
ning, did not come till this morn-
ing about Eleven o'clock. - She said
she didn't get through shopping
and seeing friends till it was
too dark to come. She knew I
"would have to work" and didn't sleep
good all night thinking about it - &c. &c.

of course I was delighted with the performance, nevertheless I did scold somewhat. — She does not do as well as I could wish. — I believe however that she took pretty good care of the children the other day when I went to the city, we got home ^{rather} quite late, but before dark; not a bed was made and not a spark of fire to get Tea ready.

It was provoking, but I did not scold, for I had told her to devote herself to the children, and she professed to have had her hands full doing that. I merely told her that she must try to have the Tea kettle ready the next time, and then left her to get supper ready herself.

We went to the city as agreed upon ~~with~~ ^{was for} Aunt Caroline, but did not meet with her either place as spoke of meeting she was uncertain about going over in the morning, and I was not surprised at not seeing her at Stewart's, but expected to meet after dinner at the Central Park. We waited some time

at the entrance but as she did not come were obliged to get a carriage and go the rounds of the Park without her

This Park, looks quite new as there are no ^{there are some rocks, however, which are big enough to be old;} large trees on it; the rocks in it are all natural and make it quite picturesque; a great variety of bridges span the valleys and add much to the beauty of the whole. ^{There} are two lakes, one large enough ^{upon which} to take quite a sail; both are well stocked with swans, both white and ^{swans} dark colored ones. — Todd's worth's Band was to perform ^(said band playing) at four o'clock but we could not wait for it, as the Park is several miles from the Brooklyn ferry. As Aunt wished to go on account of the music, I think it probable that she arrived, either while we were examining the grounds, or after we left. We met-car after car loaded inside and out going to the concert as we returned to ~~the~~ Broadway.

I purchased a little over sick for Kelly

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she will look in at Robby while I am gone if I will. — She, poor woman is now hoping to have her husband exchanged, and is looking forward to happier holidays than she had expected I hope she will not be disappointed.

Our box has not yet arrived, but Luther says he did not expect it as soon as this so I suppose all is right.

I am thinking now of going to Madison, Wisconsin; Major Smith has been ordered there, and he may get Luther exchanged for him; if not Luther will probably (?) be left here to recruit his battalion. So it goes. — I shall not care to see something of the world, but don't want too much of a good thing; and I have no desire to be sent where there is no Homoeopathic Physician I can assure you.

Ough! that pill seems to me to be in poor little Robby, 'circulating round' all the time, and ugly blackish to his fair

little body forever. Sella objected
to having a doctor who gave bitter medicine
sent for at all, and Frank took the
bottle and examined it curiously.

Luther thinks he will hardly consent
to giving another pill, so I think
Dr. Linde and his kind are likely
to be troubled by us no more.

Luther is out and proposed before
going to take me a walk when he returned
so I cannot write much longer; I think
too that I will send this to Mother first
as she will be expecting a letter on
Wednesday, and I have no time for
writing another to her exclusively.

I will write to her on Mary when the
box comes, and tell them how Robby is.
Then is Luther, so kiss the dear children
and give my love to few

Love from all to all.

In haste

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