

"God might be Pres-
 ent, this was
 too late to
 write more
 Mary says
 "Send my message
 I find it only
 five lines!
 Now she's think-
 ing to copy
 one and is still
 using me so that
 I shall be the
 consequence.
 One more day
 good by people
 August 10th.
 C. April 10th.
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"While I'm visiting you and you are all behaving nicely,
 "M. H. says

We have had a run of
 visitors this last week. I told you of
 Edward Affleck's visit with his friend.
 Then yesterday Mrs. Williams and Alfred
 came quite unexpectedly. They leave
 tomorrow, when Aunt Mary will probably
 arrive.

Mrs. Williams does not seem changed
 old as she is (nearly 71) and we are enjoying
 her visit. Mother would still more than
 she does, if her throat did not give her
 more trouble than usual.

Robby's Birthday was celebrated twice
 in consequence of rain. Here at home on
 Friday, and yesterday by his cousins. Lib
 remembered Rob's charge to her on Frank's
 birthday, to give him just what Frank
 had. — Sella got out her best china

and she and the boys had a party by themselves; I saved their cousins something till they came in which was enjoyed by Elliott particularly. His birthday comes next Sunday and Sarah's on the 28th. Rob did not seem to think of spending his quarter, but, after admiring it asked me to put it away for him. Frank has not yet spent his.

Little Mary is awake, I have been trying to keep her asleep by rocking but it won't answer. She is in short clothes, and will be grown out of your knowledge before long. She has many pretty little ways, and Grandpa is very quick at discovering them. He last ~~was~~ keeping time with her foot when he whistles and drums for her.

I received yours of the 3rd, 4th and 5th. this morning. Many thanks for the good wishes and the forthcoming book. I will make inquiries about it immediately, also the one on Education, and will try to read

both; I feel ^{very} ^{much} ^{indeed} ^{that} ^{my} ^{mind} ^{is} ^{on} ^{what} ^I ^{read}, ^{as} ^{formerly}.
Our visits have compelled a suspension of rules and seasons for this week, being so crowded we are obliged to turn and twist things about that all may sleep comfortably, and Mother needs much help about the entertainment of her guests.

Madison, so far is a comfort to both Mother and Father. My only fear is that the two families may have trouble living him together. If he is faithful and wishes to stay, Father will take him himself when he moves to the Hill, but I am a little afraid of the present-partnership.

Uncle threatened to sue Ogden if he did not pay up last Saturday. He says he is able to pay, so I urged the matter and hope to write you that all the matters are settled, in my next letter. Pray don't apologise any more for stopped

I have but six postage stamps in the house, and no paper with the day in the morning I cannot get any mail this time

letters, for whereas yours don't seem stupid at all mine seem very much so, and I am obliged to apologise in turn. This miserable spring weather has a bad effect on every body, and I am no exception, don't feel like exerting myself yet must do it. Almost tempted to try your "Homebrewed Ale."

Little Mary eats crackers very well, but is the poorest drinker that I ever saw.

Wonder if you are eating that Jelly cake today! Hardly I suspect, but hope soon to hear that that little bit of home had reached you and been enjoyed. Robert laughed at me for saying that I would be glad to have your clothes to mend now and proposed sending me some of yours I object unless you would bring them your self. — I do hope that he may be able to help you really, for anything though small, seems more endurable than having you in your present condition.

Frank is spelling by himself: he looks very

will today — Robby fell and made his nose bleed, after which he wanted to sleep. — Sella is reading, she has at length written you another letter.

Tomorrow will be "Blue Monday" with her as she starts to school after a week's vacation.

Madison is anxious to learn and Mother and Mary, Father too are trying to teach him. He knows his letters and spells a little. His Master was a schoolmaster and his son used to steal off beyond the watermelon patch to teach him, but they were discovered, punished and forbidden to go on with it.

His Master told him not to run off that he would go to war and bring him fifty Yankees, who should do the work and he (Madison) should oversee them! The false fellow was killed.

Mother was just up, she says he is learning fast, and was so delighted when he put

some words together and found he was reading
that he burst out laughing.

So! you were not expecting such good news
as I sent you in last Tuesday's paper.

We are all feeling more like owning our
town, since "the man who owned the town" has
been beaten. "Young America" is getting very
unruly in our neighborhood. Mrs. De Gaff
has a boy who is exceedingly saucy, and whom
Mother caught, throwing our word into their
yard; to save him self the trouble of cutting
and sawing. - He brings a very bad set about
and yesterday Mrs. D. Gaff pursued some
of them into our yard, horseships in hand!
The poor woman is almost crazed with them.
She has reported some to their Mothers and
talked with some of the boys, telling them
that she didn't mean to run after them
any more but would report them to the city
authorities hereafter.

Frank has just exhibited a tooth which he
pulled out himself, & pretty brave in him!