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Dear Maman.

Eleanor & the baby  
are spending Xmas week at  
Beauford, & I am left here  
keeping cattle dangerous.  
I was up there myself till  
this morning from Sat.

E. & A. well, there never  
was so nice a brat. Knows  
almost as much as mops.  
& never stirs at night -  
except when having a cold  
in the head, which is  
supposed to stop his  
blow holes. All goes on  
well down town, we shall  
come out making about  
as much as last year -  
we had hoped, to have

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Thank you for the "lines" tho as yet  
R.W. has not given them up - I  
suppose that by this time you have  
my letter saying that you have no  
ans. and till Dan, that all the  
money sent thus far belongs to aff.  
I've owing me \$100 - which she  
need not repay until quite convenient.  
Nothing has happened in our camp  
worthy of note - I have bought a dinner  
set at an auction - & about three doz more

are something fine - I should  
have done so had it not  
been for the smuck, as it  
is we do not complain, if  
we had not done remarkably  
well, we should have been  
a long way behind - fancy  
armies at Washington, are they  
not - some one remarked that  
after robbing the negroes all  
their lives South Carolina had  
now taken to robbing the

Indians, we had about  
\$50,000 of the stolen bonas.  
bought in the market, but  
expect no loss, either for  
sales or clients. The Heaven  
knows what course the  
degraded administration  
may decide upon -

glasses of all shades, & fashions at the <sup>(2)</sup> same  
 place - the glass very thin & engraved  
 said to be Bohemian - & costing  
 \$20 - Those papa is not looking upon  
 in wrath at their being wine, but  
 he knows that it is a degenerate age -  
 I have been thinking that if the rest of the  
 South succeed as I think they are likely to do  
 what becomes of the American female  
 what her occupation be gone -

Take this half sheet to tell you what the boy does.

He knows me - won't stay with any one else when I am in the room -

He can do party cake -

He can do sandwiches -

He can say papa - so to speak - try to ant mind

what you say - Certainly

kaba - but his mind is

confused between the p. the

B. the m. - He uses

his chair - he sits up at

table, he can stand but

is not allowed. he wants

all he sees, & craves it -

not a disgustingly fat child - laughs  
all day, + at the slightest provocation  
out-loud, not like his unfortunate  
father. 'puts his great toe thro' a  
new pair of socks in one day.  
Is very apt to make a row if  
anything is taken away from him - &  
if he does not get what he  
wants at once

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into his mouth from the tongue to a  
doll's head - eats chicken bones -  
won't take his pap if not thick so  
that he can munch it - is not  
safe to be left alone, or near any  
thing. new still for a minute - awake  
all day & sleeps on end all night -  
delights in play things - watches & harkens at  
everything - white hair & very dark eyes & red cheeks

would take his grub out of any  
cup but the french one you  
gave him, to all others he  
laps his tongue over the rim -

Ohonestly do not suppose  
there ever was such another  
except - it may have been me.  
I hardly think that at six months  
I could have done all this —

Ms. A. 9. 2. 581

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Keep writing to me - I can't  
answer - because I have  
nothing to say - My mind  
whirls all day on securities  
& orders, & any little letter  
writing faculty I ever had  
has quite gone. I come  
home at night - hardly  
knowing whether I am  
myself, or a Rail Road  
Bond - from ten till two  
if anything is going on I  
fall & scream like a mad  
man, with a hundred &  
fifty other screaming aunts  
each trying to get ahead  
of the other - I do all  
the buying & selling for the  
great house, & it keeps my

Wendell, freely saying, freely pointing it out - to  
freely saying, pretty rough handling -  
"as said of. I guess Gay did it" -  
I am going to write & ask him - if  
he did tell him just what I think -  
is it worth while - and mention my  
authority - as the little courts  
anticipants make him any better

mind, or that which I call  
such, on the stock, to  
remember all the different orders,  
& limits, to be able to jump in  
or out at the right time -  
so that when I have a  
lot of Bonds to buy or sell  
the printed list does not  
show that what Mr.

Brown did was two  
per cent or even  $\frac{1}{4}$  better  
than my transaction -  
comproving - One can't  
always do it - but I am  
getting on foot - & can  
be my own - Did you  
see the last week article  
in the Tribune about -

them a Judas if he wrote it - 9  
Aunt mind the article, because 9  
recognize the right of any man who  
feels like it to abuse any thing or  
person he wishes to, provided he is in  
a position to give him the right to do  
so, which so far as I understand  
it the rant is not - If the  
rant wrote it - I feel it an insult  
to me. I shall kick him -

from the first - that  
I used to go to I.  
Deland, I always  
knew the fays to be  
skunks - for My-  
northens used to  
turn up your noses &  
sit upon me when I  
expressed my mean  
ideas. I am not  
half such a fool as I  
look - In health I am  
very well - outsiders say  
that I am thin & pale -  
but that means nothing -  
I am sound to all intents

instead of the smooth sausage like  
skins they should be - My appetite  
still stands by me - which troubles  
me - for should the bowels cease  
to function! I. Jay sent you his  
speech - he is a good creature &  
honest, my only remark is that - he  
does as well as he owes - he cant-  
stand very strong food - yet at times I

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+ purposes - no new  
aircraft to speak of.  
I feel a tubercle, come  
through every now & then  
but that don't signify -  
my kidneys tho' remaining  
tender, don't trouble me  
much. Catarrh &  
leprosy entirely gone -  
tho' my gravel obstinately  
remains, & I have some  
fears that all my  
smaller intestines are  
gradually thickening, will  
become hard gutter  
perfor like tubes.

surprised & what his stomach will  
bear - Take him by hand there are  
few men who could have so much  
religion without being belabored -  
love to Mad. Weston

By. of. Son.

Henry III

I am very glad that I am not  
condemned to read this - but writes  
to me - Don't show the show letters -

Ms. A. 9. 2. 5. 81