

from a healthy - How it will be when she is old & feeble
ill - for nature will establish the equilibrium at some
time - & she must compensate for this lack of health
rain now. God knows, I only hope she may have
power to attach herself to him. & always than those who
will care for her. as she is able to make them do now.
- Mary seems happy - Robert is more devoted than before
they are married - worship Mary & so does George. she
is a very lucky girl - as you just as she likes in every part
- Let's way - I picked her up the other afternoon. after
she had left Walter's studio - I had a drive & she talked
all the time - as she has, by the bye, a passion for
did you see notice what a talker she is - when only
two are together. she has all the talk. I think she expresses
herself in this way - she is very careful & does not fear being
run by anybody - she goes to bed at nine o'clock - does
not get up too early in the morning - Walter then takes
very easy - when circumstances will let her. This is my
conjecture. I know nothing but suppose Walter comes
down so much. Robert is very indulgent to Mary
Everything she wants, she has. he denies her nothing
than he is careful to keep account with. I know how much
he spends each day of his life - & then keeps a check upon
things - I have been very busy all this week darling - just
good forenoon I have hunted two days - on Monday and
a long days hunt. There are 22 dogs. & we go across
very well - but of course there is a good deal of pottering
with the dogs, walk up a fox. but when they meet
of it is pretty hard riding. On the first day I hunted - the
dogs killed a fox - within 20 minutes after we started
since then I have not seen one killed. There are a great
many holes here, & although they have an earth stopper
the foxes know when to hide. We have about fifty or fifty
people on horseback following the hounds. & I think
of people come out in carriages to see the mischief - but you
very pretty sight. I wish you were here to do it - but you
never can come as Consul. nothing less than Minister
or Banker. I should not wonder if matters do not
moderate themselves better - but that the King will find

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that they cannot afford to let her on their salary. you must
be left a sort of promise from Mrs. Brock Edward
that if Mrs. King should resign, she will use her influence
to have her put in her place. Mr. Lincoln will be re-
spected & Mrs. Edward kept in her place. with full power. she King
can see people, but without fortune. other than the salary
in some 7000 a year. which nobody can live on
that position. but if he had just a thousand or fifteen hundred
dollar a year of private fortune added to that, it would make
all the difference in the world. In coming here, of course all
things have had to commence in the heart of the
season - with prices & carrying very high - as the season is then
the carnival already commencing, when they came
they have been treated of course out of their eye both for
what a strange I'm came without it - she has suffered very
much with cholera - & nervousness generally - so that she
is miserable altogether. I wish I was in her eye, confessed
to me the other day, that she should not be able to stay,
if she would not run into debt & could not see the way
to make both ends meet, with a daughter to educate as
well, and a son in America to feed & clothe: by the way the
latter is at New York - so he won't mind much. The daughter
is a sweet little (or big rather) but being young I call
her little - good, gentle, patient, & very helpful child
she is very fond of your aunt's too. though that son now
is much in my opinion for her judgment. Another
season they may be able to do better in having an apartment
has done. but as they are, Mrs. King is unhappy enough.
she don't speak any language but her own & doesn't
the fluency of things for she is very clever & quite she see
her own injustice generally - for she has taste without
the means to pay for it. disposition to be hospitable
without the ability - anxious to fill her position of
ambassadors fittingly & cannot speak the language
of the country at the court. I find pleasure and wish
to appear as well as any other of the ambassadors will
I don't worry enough to have a proper way. so it is
very hard to see my son, for her. Now if my children
can live in that position, with an apartment
already made for them & social comforts already made
about increased expense. cannot hold it.

knowing but wardrobe to buy. I then saw receipts to prove
they would not only live on the salary but saw evidence
out of it so you must look up the steward's list
then on the other side. The canal ship would
go at all for that. Carries no position here. I suppose
cannot get the same ship. You must wait until
I think you have money enough. I then came to the
with you and to take the same day when off to
London - for they are beginning to be more than
I can bear. I can't tell you: but you must take your
time - unless I should "turn up my toes" and
I then perhaps you might be sorry that he had
so much of his life making money instead of living
you. I was so pleased to have his letter. He said
I don't know what I will answer his letter as soon as
I can. I can't say my soul a little more. I don't
know what you have to do to help me do any of
my social duties become increased every year here
naturally. For every body sends me their friends
letters of introduction - this year I have had more
with me to do honor to the letter. I am near
divine to death. You don't arrive on Monday
I'll be his wife & his sister & a gentleman who is
living with them. He had written to me about
I there was no such thing to be had for long on the
the hotel, crowded. Lodging all taken up. If you
were left, you could not get them under \$400 for one
month or there: so I was sent about from one place
to another until I was wearied to death hunting
rooms - this took me all of Sunday, & Monday
at 2 o'clock I had to go up & meet them. I take them
to the hotel, where the only thing I could do for them
was that dreadful hotel accommodations. History
they were then occupied. Thursday was hunting
for a ^{dinner} party that night. Mary Robert's
I returned my wardrobe in calling & doing up some
inspiration duties with half a dozen other people
brought me letters. Last night a large party.

up to 12. I am busy with the apothecary putting up a
looking glass. & other matters. I am up with stable matters
bills. My man servant with household bill books
in the day evening. for them is to be a large ^{evening} party
to night for many particularly. & other general
& I do not go to my writing until 12 o'clock since
when I have had manifold interruptions although
I have orders not to be interrupted. I know the boys
are to dine here. On Monday hunting & a large party at
Mr Turg's. so I have breakfast in since I cannot know
if I don't go to see them. people think I don't wish
to see them thus I am on the "p" every hour of my life.
I shut to death as you may suppose. I have no chance of
going up to be with Aunt Elin in her studies & she is far
from well or happy there. she must have great
sympathy in her work as she cannot work. Her
nerves & labour before I came have nearly wrecked
her power for the winter. she is more delicate & poorly
than I have ever seen her. & I am so sorry for her. for
I cannot seem to drag her out of the mad pit though
into which she is plunged. she is modelling a bas-
relief this winter & another sketch for Columbus as
the old one did not satisfy her. Robert & Mary are going
to have two of letters little pictures for which I am very
glad. Mrs Barland is here. not happy of course. but
bearing up wonderfully & raised my all things. I see
little letters are coming up beautiful copy. little
John my pet is an almost brute as he can be. Paul
is more child like & simple natured. but John is a
popular little shabbier & so down & cute. he puts the
older one up to all sorts of tricks. John is a demon
- though he never thought a word of mischief -
- your description of your children's part was very
sweet darling. they are one of the very nicest things
I do, so much pleasure & joy. How cannot I love
when the good imparted. I am glad you can make

Dear you write you on that subject or name is
of man so much. I always heard or heard of
become his father about children. I am so glad
find comfort in the billiard table. My mother
shown it face. The name has not been heard
of from. I think now no more, so half from
I think to be anxious. I am amazed to hear
having such awful weather in a hour. I remember
sitting with windows open the 1st of Jan. but
say this weather is more seasonable than the
I may that you may have a cooler & more health
spring & summer. You say you shall stay until
July - in 1st hour. I beg you to run no risk. You had
run up to sister Jane. So change the atmosphere
don't stay too long at the same time. I am not
opinion you not leaving your home to such ex-
treme in your or before. I should not imagine
Wilson could be very full in mind. To live on at the
expense in that way. Even though it was at the
expense. & after all he should have looked into
the expense then himself & not suffered in to go on
such a high hand. - but I do think he had much to
do for you. for now fixing the matter upon his left & know
just what was to be spent what he was away.
I am much amused at your idea of taking your
nurse, two children to bring up - at the same time
don't think so a bad idea to take the boy. if he is
all cute. he is now too young. only five years plus
& then you will make work easy in time to come
You should teach him to trust you & see, can
after you have walked down street. - but I think
I shall be curious to know whether you decide
doing anything of the kind. - and now good bye
love you my darling. I feel that I have written you
my unworthy letter. - but you must forgive it. I must
sitting better over by the window my friend is now writing
I kiss you I love you. I adore you. as you would have seen
I am ever your own son