Fort Hamilton
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My dear boy:

You must get Sleve to read her letter to you about the place where I am boarding. There two boys and two little girls, that would make five play mates for you and Selve and one little boy, who would do very well to play with Robbie, but she is hardly big enough. There is funny man boarding there. He goes up to New York every day.
One day not long since when he was coming home he found a man in the car with two little pigs in a bag. So he bought one of them and brought it home in his arms, like a little baby. How don't you think that was a very funny sight.

The pig has got a pen at his own house to see him eat his own, almost as much as he likes to eat.

To-morrow morning if I feel pretty well, I'll eat some cherries for you.

Mrs. May together with you, Mother and all.

I hope you will try to be very, but little.

Do you know that I will be so, too, if you were to set a little. But if you can be here, you can do the very best.

I hope you will try to be very, but little.