Fort Hamilton
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My dear, little daughter:

What a long time it is since I saw you. I suppose you have grown a good deal since you left Fort Hamilton and began to go to school. Perhaps I should not know you if I met you away from home.

I am very glad to hear that you have been a good girl and I hope you have tried to learn. Little girls are sent to school to learn...
And when they are good and try to get all their lessons well, they please their father and mother, and all their friends, and when they grow up to be women, they will be very glad they made such good use of their time when they were children.

Do you remember the big house across the street from Mr. Vanderpool? That is the place where I used to have often looked over the fence, and wished I could go in, and sit down under the tree, and pull the flowers and eat the nice cherries. Now I can do it any day and the flowers are plenty.
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