Dear Augusta, I did not expect to write to you to-day. I thought Mary would answer her letter, but she went to church today and cannot write by lamplight, so I will.

I am afraid, though, that she will not receive it before next Thursday; it will be too late before it is put in the office. I have an idea that they make up the mail early on Sunday, and do nothing more till next Monday, and that is the very reason I account for why not getting my letters at the usual time. We have not yet seen Mr. Babbit, but will tomorrow. The Reverend came and shook it to you herself, and I will send it to-morrow by mail.

Oliver had told Mary about Laura before my letter came, Mrs. Babbit told Mrs. Burge. They are very much interested in it, and do not believe a word of it, neither Oliver nor Mrs. B.

The Jenevett's also knew it from Laura's family. They gave no credit to the report. They have...
written (that is her Mother) to Lemon, and she pronounced it false, and says it is a piece of spite, because she would not move in boarding house. How this may be I know not. I do not wish thee to mention it, but Mrs. Lewitt says Mrs. Brown is not reliable. Deirmont has not yet returned. I am glad Luther began to be better pleased with Sellers. I knew she would come out some day. She found two little "night caps," are there any more? and the white pants for Robbie and will try to send them the first opportunity, if Mr. Bottet does not go, or if he cannot carry them.

I told Rosedale about Garnet, etc. She seemed distressed, and said she wished she would take her back, she knew she would behave herself now. She says her sister will not go to Washington, she had determined before I told them, Aunt Annie Mary and I have been making calls. I went to Gregory's, Mrs. Pearce's, Mrs. Brady's, Mr. O'Kelley's, and would have gone to other places but it was too late. Thought I would make no more calls, but at last I was as frustrated to talk to them and was asked to dinner. Mrs. Halleys has been confined, her baby...
I would like to see Frank exercising and hear Lella saying her ‘Multiplication table’, when she is mistress of Nant. She will have something to be proud of. She must say it forwards, backwards, and up and down. Robbie is so kind, dear little fellow, he thought the woodlay would do as well as any. Lettle once told me the Art Journal for last year is sometimes to be had low. We have to 61, but have not that. When he is in the City I wish he would be so kind as to see if he can get it for me, and at what price. I shall have to send for it. And if I can get it at a reduced price would be glad. The Payns will send for me, but I shall hope to pay full. Aunt Lib is mending slowly we think, but it is very slow.

Mrs. Brady told me Robert Corwin was here a few days ago. He came
to see his brother, but he was buried before P. arrived. Mrs. B. says we will bring his family home, and thanks it—Hill. They should be in Dayton. They were ready to come when Sally was taken ill of Syphilis fever. She is still ill he says, but better. I suppose you know Mr. B. has gone to Kansas again, Mrs. B. is very anxious for you all to return, and seems to be pleased that the children remembered one spoke of her.

Tella Pierce has been quite sick. She was threatened with Diphtheria I believe. She is better now. Elizabeth has not been very well, and her kitten cabinet is only a unit with the opposition to her. She and Mary both have been annoyed with the two girls, and I suppose it will end by sending one or both away. Mary was here today, and was telling me how they that is the two in the kitten cabinet have been sick and I think nothing but a discharge child do. So this sees the bob has had troubles. All send love to all.

As ever thy, Mother

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