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Mother says she does not believe in doctors, & that no one could cure him but God. Hence she refuses to let him be sweated to throw off the poison. I am frantic, for I believe his only chance lies in being sweated, as his kidneys are not working. I am almost going crazy with the tension and Mother's refusal to follow the doctor's directions. At the hospital, he was forced to drink water: here at home he hasn't drunk any water at all. With two babies [page break] in the house under three years old, it is impossible to keep the house quiet! Oh, God!

I have given up my room to the babies and am now sleeping in the den. I have stayed up nights at the hospital with Father, and have run into it about 4 times a day: yet I do not feel tired physically. I feel snappy and [break] mentally fatigued.

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