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

I am afraid though that she will not receive it before next Thursday it will be so 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 only reason I account for why not getting my letters at the usual time. We have not yet seen Mr. Bathet but will tomorrow. The Rivers came and read it to you and I will send it to you to morrow by mail.

Clara had told Mary about Laura before the letter came, Mrs. Bathet told Mrs. Bierce. They are very much distressed about it, and do not believe a word of it, neither Clara nor Mrs. B.

The Sewells also knew it from Laura's family. They gave no credit to the report. They have
written (that is her Mother) to Laura and she pro-
messes it false, and says it is a piece of spirit because she would not move her boarding house. How this may be I know not. I do not wish to mention it, but Mrs. Jewett says Mrs. Brabo-
by is not reliable, Oelens has not yet returned. I am glad Luther begins to be better pleased with Selia; I knew she would come out very nicely. She found two little "Whitecaps," are there any more? and the white pants for Robbie and will try to send them the first opportu-
nity. If Mr. Bolling does not go, and if he can.
not carry them,
I told Babed about Garnet. 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 May, she had determined before I told it them, Aunt Annie Mary and I have been making calls!!
She went to Greggs, She was Mrs. Pearse's. Mr. Brady's, Mr. Odell's and would have gone to other places but it was too late. Thought I would make no more calls, but of late Sheep thought I would

The book not with drew myself quite from society. Find, however, that it is much harder for me than formerly, and that of necessity I must do little of it. All received us pleas-
antly, more so than Mr. & Mr. Steed.
I like Sirie's looks very much, I do not know when I have seen a young person who pleased me quite so well, her manner is natural and very pretty, no affectation. The younger Miss Gregg; too, pleased me much. The rest we

did and we did not see her,

I wrote to Granville on his own account and received a kind letter from him, saying he had spoken to the G and that the lady to

should make no appointment till he went to Columbus, and that he had not thought of any other person, Granville said too, that "Mr. Joseph Pearse and Colonel Furl

Mead had already spoken to the G." I was surprised a little, but suppose Sirie may have requested them to do so. But I am

obliged to them all the same.

Mrs. Hales has been confined. Her baby

1905.
I would like to see Frank exercising, and hear Lella saying her Multiplication table, when she is mistress of it. She will have something to be proud of. She must say it forwards, backwards, and up and down. Bobbie is in kind, dear little fellow, he thought the woodchuck would do as well as any. Lutta once told me the Art Journal for last year is sometimes too bad now. We have to let, 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 Mr. B. arrived. Mrs. B. says we will bring his family home, and thanks it, and 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 very pleased that the children remembered and spoke of her.

Yella Pierce has been quite sick, she was threatened with Diphtheria, I believe. She is better now. Elizabeth has not been very well, and her little cabin is only a tent, with no opposition to him. 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 kitchen, have been busy and I think nothing but a discharge child do, so here are. She too has her troubles.

All send love to all,

As ever yours,

Brother

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