

Little Tokio.

July 28th 1902.

Dearest Mother,

We were very glad to receive your first letters from Rock Ferry since your return - Lois, Eva, Poppie, Father & I were sitting on the back gallery, when Ruth brought in the mail, & great was the delight at the sight of such nice ribbon, mat & papers. The blue tie, also the pink ribbon have been worn today -

Things are certainly going at their swift-est at present - We are having tea every afternoon for Aunt Flo & Uncle K., & some-how when we have tea, people seem to know it by instinct, & come drooping in - We usually have it out doors near the moon bed, the weather having been so perfect to come in for ever 1/2 hour - Mrs Cooper has made a great reputation for herself in the line of cakes, she really makes unusually good ones, & has to be dissuaded from baking too often, rather than encouraged -

I have been over to Grandmothers to tea
 twice this week, & one cannot help noticing
 how they all seem to rub each other
 up the wrong way, meaning to be kind.
 It has seemed as if so little giving in on
 both sides would make things brighter.
 I cannot help feeling that Grandmother
 is not enough appreciated, & she is
 really so sweet & unselfish, that I
 like her to have her full share of ad-
 miration. Aunt E. looked very
 pale when she first came down, but
 a week here has made her look a
 different person. Uncle R. is much better
 than when here last summer although
 he sometimes has days of depression -
 Mr. & Mrs. Blake took tea with E. & I. last
 week, I went over instead of Father
 whose head was inclined to ache,
 & enjoyed it so much. Uncle R. &
 Aunt E. both like the Blakes -
 Father is himself again, & goes about
 the garden as usual -