

4 children at  
this date.

Montreal

August 34<sup>th</sup> 1884

My dear little Clara,

Father has not forgotten the nice letter which you sent to him, but has had so many things to do that he could not answer it sooner.

You will be glad to hear that there are some nice pears on one of our pear trees which will be ripe by the time that you come

home. There are rabbits  
now too, and to-day father  
found one beautiful rose  
and presented it to grand-  
mama.

The home is very quiet  
without any little children  
and father finds it very  
lonely. There is no one  
to decorate his table with  
flowers or to pick berries  
for him.

How is your garden getting  
on and how are all the  
dolls? Well, I hope. You  
must write again soon

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and let me know.

Father has a headache  
to-night & so cannot  
write any more, but  
will soon answer Edith's  
letter.

Be a good little girl  
& with love & kisses for  
mother, Eric, Edith, Ruth  
& yourself, believe me  
Your loving father,

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