

Doll's
Illness

April 28th 89.

My dear Clair,

Many thanks for
your letter. I am sorry to hear
your doll has been ill again.
It seems to have a very delicate
constitution, which surprises
me as when I got it, I thought
it looked particularly strong
& healthy, & the shop woman
assured me it was very
strong - It is quite impossible
to prescribe for it at so great
a distance and without
knowing exactly what is the
matter. Perhaps a bath every
evening with a little warm
milk and a damp sponge
would improve its complexion.

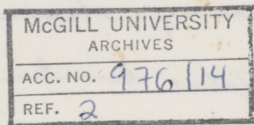
on new buildings or on the
streets had to stop altogether.
Then later in the afternoon
about three o'clock it cleared
away and the daylight
came back again -

A few evenings ago I went with
some friends to a sort of concert
hall here I saw some very
pretty marching and drill. A
great many children, more than
a hundred I should think, were
dressed up like soldiers in
different uniforms, a dozen of
each kind, & marched on
each company with an officer.
Then others representing foreign
countries came on each with
its flag & the band playing
the national air of the country
represented, & these were reviewed
by the officers. Finally they

had dances & a sort of
sham fight. Very pretty it
all was, you would have
enjoyed seeing them.

How is Erie's Railway getting on.
It must be a very fine affair.
I shall expect a few p^{er}sons over the
line when I come out. signed
by the general manager & all
the directors. & perhaps may
buy some shares in the comp^y
if it is paying well. When the
crops are ripe in the garden there
will be a big freight business
I should think, but I am not
so satisfied as to passenger
traffic.

With best love and good
wishes,
Your affectionate Uncle
Franklin



2, I suppose you have already
begun to look forward to
Mt. St. Andrews. The winter
seems hardly over, before it
is time to think of moving for
the seaside. The spring has
I suppose advanced a good
deal, and before long all the
leaves will be on the trees
again. Here the hyacinths are
very beautiful in the parks &
the grass is very green, but the
weather has not been very
bright or warm as yet. A
week or two ago we had a very
black fog which came on in
the middle of the day & lasted
for two or three hours. It was
just like night, the gas lamps
had to be lighted everywhere
& a great many people working