

of course because she is that
big spirit of
President & when I
said you really
killed off that baby
I was not that happy
she replied with
her candid blue
eyes raised to
me "Did I?"
Poor little soul -
I'll let you know
they I scared not
hardly at all - so she
was slapped &
set in one of the
cribs for punishment
Her eager nature
wants me to
control gentle &
interesting & care
very harshly
I'd make her
in no time & a

perfect of you, when you
find that I have been
at Metis 21 & 20 hours I
still own no ink - We
were ready for the road
very good time on Monday
& I had the glorious well
pudience of seeing all the
family about, then turning
out the gas, & locking the
empty home myself - I
had no help from Henry
itton as only the day before
two of his children were
pronounced to have scarlet
fever - All our young ones
were of course bound to be off

no. clear with her wd. no light matter

but by the time a porter
with very great mouth
little white had slowly
managed to get the berth
in order. They were glad
enough to "turn in". Boy
was pleasant as usual
but felt obliged to wake
about 4.9. On to observe
his new surroundings
but he went to sleep again
about 6. I slept on long
after the surly porter had
roused me, by a poke
in the waist - stunner part
of my arm. We had
breakfast in the car, I
went out for dinner, wh.
as usual was excellent
Edith & Eric complained
so much of feeling sick
etc. that I began to wonder
if anything more than the
bad air of the car was
troubling them, but direct
they reached the station
complaints vanished
we arrived 3.15 P. M. I had
a bitter drive, cold north

wind & gloomy sky but
once arrived the wind
abated, & this morning
it is lovely - as I had reason
to know & being forced to
get up at 4 A.M. I shall
a flock of sheep all over
the two estates - our
fences not yet being in
repair - after the flood
your gate is all right
but our cottage has again
been entered - brandy
bottle half emptied &
one of the beds - drawers
opened - your cupboard
burst open - a pane of
glass out of the back
bedroom etc - I had
forgotten the keys
you gave me but they
& have them now - But
to my surprise there is no
key either for the cellar or
the back key to be found
I had not looked here as
I supposed them to be in
the bunch I had forgotten
I only mention this in case

you remember about
them for if I cannot find
them I must have the
locks manipulated tomorrow
clocks I observe select
woman-kind I play them a
trick at every turn, the
one I brought from home
declines to go in any
position but lying on its
back - Is it not ridiculous
We are really almost in
order, all groceries put
away & most of the other
things - by tomorrow I shall
be complete - It really is
a delight - to see how happy
& happy & fresh looking the
children already are Boy set
seems to have expanded in
a day to a bigish boy
instead of a baby.

Friday
Still no ink - no ink
being buyable in the place
Mr. Mc Miller gave us a tea
spoonful each of javacris but of
course I resigned that to
mother - Page has failed &
all his things are sold &

scattered - having Mr. Lane
is said to open his father's
store at rare & interesting
internals but I have not
yet received admittance
I believe the Astles have
begun a shop I must
go & see what they have
I am to have the same
case as last year from
Mrs. LePage. There are various
small difficulties as to better
eggs etc. - but they will suc-
ceed to time & energy -
The Miller's Hotel is going up
fast - but will not open
this year - I shall have to
get our share fence entirely
renewed - the good half
quite destroyed it. The Miller
rent a man about it - but
he was quite tipsy & had
a bottle sticking out of his
pocket to improve upon
his condition so I must
get another - I feel as if I
ought - as well to step
deary magistrate, or some
such so many "affaires"
Mother has had no end of
difficulties out of wh. I have

done my best - to extricate
her, she has Remained there
now, & to what lengths
her love of change may
drive her limited strength
I fear to imagine - I am
very sorry I got him at all
only some things had to be
done. The trees are not
nearly out yet - but the
weather warm & pleasant
we all bathed today
with much pleasure
& Clarence is charmed with
the place & wd like to
bask on the shore all day
I dont think Eva will be
down till the end of the
month -

I miss you on every
side, so many things about
go well without you &
Eric wants a good firm
hand, he is the least help
of any, only compulsory
induces any effort to be
useful - though he will be
as good as gold if I may
to him all day - I hope to
begin their lessons next
week - I will do my best to

make it - regular time I
fear it will be uphill
work. The hours of the day
seem to chase each other
& it is hurry from one thing
to another all the time -
still if I can once make
things run smoothly, I think
we shall be all right - Cer-
tainly there is a repose
here in the very air that
helps one wonderfully & I
shall make short-work
of the little tinkering
necessary about the place
& shut my eyes to all de-
ficiencies & just be as
happy as we all can with
out you -

It is curious to find
after all the frightful
stories that both Mrs Delany
& Mrs Gavenlock are well
& unharmed - Big Bear is
still uncaught - but his pur-
suers are hard after him
Tomorrow I trust will
bring me a letter from you
& then it will be easier
to write when the news comes
as well as goes we all

long to hear ^{from} you & hope to hear
that you are well & enjoying
yourself immensely which is
usually the case when you
do not expect much.

It looks a little like
rain today wh. the country
evidently needs. though we
regret the lovely weather of
these last 3 days. This after
noon I am going in search
of those pretty Primroses.
Eric brought me yesterday
a bunch of marsh. mallards
resplendent with beauty
I do admire them so much
I don't think I told
you that Ruth dropped a
lighted match into the
waste basket at home &
when the others exclaimed
& I turned behold a
pyramid of flame. I
threw half on the bed &
seized the basket but it
flamed so, I had to put
it into the marble basin
& turn the tap on. a min
ute later I could not have
carried it the basket was