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Second day.

My Dear Children

Thi' it is a busy day I must write you a little - as I find you think, as well as Eddy - that "Mother is rather sparing of her favours in this line" but it is only because she has not quite as much time for writing as your sister C. & besides since her return home, she has a good many aunts to write to, which has taken up the spare moments. U Carmie is inditing an epistle to you - which mine is to accompany - I wish very much we could send you a X mass box but it will come after awhile - when George & Sarah go down - ~~but in the place of that~~ ^{mine} you receive a ~~box~~ ^{box} by way of a little sexorable gift. Fanny & I spent last evening with Leah who is quite poorly with a bad cold - & came from a fall -

She sent her best love to you - & you have an opportunity for sending her regards to the City - for Cousin Hannah - direct them to the care of Maria Logan 244 - Arch St. I hope they will reach her by + maps - or if not then by New Years. The latter day we are invited to dine with G. & S. & the former they take dinner with us. Last week we had the tailors fitting up Tom with some new suits - & the week before the dressmaker ~~for~~ I always feel called upon, when we have such people to see, to help get ^{the} work out of the way as quietly as possible that we ^{may} dispense with their services.

I have begun some spencers for you - to keep dress bodices on the inside clean - I intended you should not have gone to school without them - they are cut somewhat smaller than mine - & I hope they will fit. They will arrive by the box whenever that goes. Has Clemmie told you - that we took tea with Mary Cooper week before last - by particular invite.

She is nicely settled at housekeeping & we
had a pleasant visit - Cousin Follie's
daughters were there - also H. & F.
Linsker. Mollie Biddle does not go to the
City until after New Years - They are much
engaged sewing for a fair at the Bend
to be opened between Xmas & New Years,
if there is sleighing - they go in the
sleigh - if not in the Cars - I don't
expect any of us will go. Fan Linsker
is invited to Butternuts to a party, to
go with the Car matts. I believe the
party is not to take place unless there
is sleighing - so she of course, is very
anxious, & impatient for the snow
to make its appearance. I have seen
but little of any of our Mantrose friends,
since I came home - have had no
company at all - to tea - only some
callers - G. & C. Bentley - Mrs Lattrops &
Fan Linsker - Cor. Ellen & Annie.
We have not heard from Eddie for
some time - he must find his trip to

The City very pleasant - I did not expect
they wd. permit the Students to go to the
City to attend lectures. Clemmie & I
had a very nice joint letter from Anne
& Julia, last week. They got moved into
town very comfortably without Aunt
R. taking any cold, which I was
glad to hear of. She & Uncle H. had been
attending Mary Copie's wedding - Cos.
Marmaduke's daughter. Have any
of the Stokes been out to Westtown lately?
I thot Joe wd. have been in this to see
his brother. His Aunt Mary I have
not heard from since my return
home. Fatten & Tommie have
just returned from a walk on
the lake - bringing a few cran-
berries by way of specimens.
It is very cold and windy - & the
weather last week was biting
cold. I must now close with love
to you both - & to your Cousins
also - your affec^{to}
Mother