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Dear Daughter

Will it be lawful for me to write you three letters in one week? Well, I hope you <sup>will</sup> be at home soon when we shall have to write - only 4 or 5 weeks, not at the longest, I suppose you have read my last in this. The mother-in-law thinks of it. She kindly thinks it would be good to have one child at home, till they all get homes for themselves. But hereafter is time enough to settle this. You are your own now & have a perfect right to teach or otherwise employ your time.

Mattie got quite tired & took cold & had a "season" of rheumatic headache, then it went into her arm & went off at the fingers. She is better & will probably come up here to day. Mrs Brown has had a hard turn of colera morbus, & Mr. Os. got picked on the knee & has a bad leg.

Linda has just come down & says she is a "21 year old yearling" to day. She gives a party to night at our house to her particular friends. I had invited about 40. She & the girls do the work & she pays the bills. Thought mother of course will give her lots of things. The scholars are getting her a surprise presents. There is lots



of preparation & fun in anticipation. Walker is  
to make the presentation speech. Stevenson &  
another have demonstrated that it won't rain  
tonight. It took 2 sheets of paper for the work,  
they did it some days ago. Yesterday it looked  
as if they might need to look over their calcula-  
tion to find some mistake. It rained some here  
& near us were two very heavy showers. It looks this  
morning like settled weather for a while. There  
has been so much rain for a week past, that far-  
mers have not been able to do much towards plant-  
ing. — Our staple looks up now about 90 or 100  
feet from the ground. — The frame work simply  
The architect from Kiskadee stayed about one  
day & went home, said the work was so much  
done I would be that he was not needed at all,  
I do not think of any thing more to write, Mother  
is too busy, so says he will write him. Father

Dear Daughter,

It is Friday & I have my  
cooking to do, so I will write a word just  
to enquire <sup>what</sup> ~~how~~ ladies of my age have  
for bonnets & what trimmed with  
almost every thing here for old &  
young are trimmed with black  
ribbon with some bright pewee  
on the outside. As ever mother.