The children are very well, although the house is a very old one, and we have no stove or furnace; their rosy cheeks and round little forms attest the healthiness of Staten Island —

Jan 6th — My letter has been in the drawer for several days, and I am sorry you will not get it till next week — Aunt Sarah seems better but has evidently had a great deal to bear in this unfortunate tendency to neuralgia — Mother had a short letter from her. I wish it were Mr. Williams who had to bear all her pain, and that she might have comfort in her last years, but then she might occupy them in taking care of him, which I should not like either to see Mr. Prime has been quite sick, which has prevented my leaving Mrs. Prime out here to stay with me, as I expected. Harry arrived in the steamer not well — his chest having been painful I have not seen him, and suppose I shall not, as he is allowed scarcely any time, and I am not much in town. We have now the coldest weather this season, the thermometer having