the small back one is empty; and we have besides five good sized well finished room in the fourth story, all of which makes a pretty nice house. We have had gas put in to the third story, and shall have water put in afterward. The yard has two splendid grape vines and with the aid of some papering in the bed rooms, we shall be quite fine and elegant. The only thing which is to be regretted is that [illegible] house immediately opposite, which is raised two stories, and will become a permanent boarding house, which we are very sorry for, as it always brings down a good deal of scandal, from old maids sitting at the window. The ceilings are all high and the house in good repair, the parlors well painted, but the outside will require a few coats and we want a handsome front door. All these improvements, what we want most, and what we can do without, all occupies our thought and time, so that we are tired out by evening without much evident progress. Martha is with us still, with the same bows, and airs and graces as before, but still as polite and with as long words as ever. I went down on Thursday and spent two nights at the Mannans. We drove over to Eliza's on Friday morning but found her in town the town. Children well, and the baby lovely and full of laugh. She is a dear little thing, and not as bashful as the others. I had a letter to from Annie Johnston, in London, going over to Paris in June and home in July — Tell App this. She was delighted with her visit in London, and indeed everywhere, but I think notwithstanding that she is glad at the idea of coming home. Aunt Sarah writes occasionally when she wants a new servant, but says little else. Aunt Ruth and Mary's children are with her now. Wm wrote to the whole family to announce his little boy which he seems to be wonderfully proud of. I believe I have no other news to tell you of the family, except that Uncle Wm has been on, and talks a good deal of coming out to California himself.

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