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Dear Alice:-

We are alone this evening, all three seated around the table; your father and Frank reading, and I am going to write to you. Frank sits with his feet on a pillow in a chair. He has got so that he can get about the house on crutches now. The Dr has been using cocaine on his foot for the past week when taking out shot and it has not hurt him so much as it did before. She did not come to day or yesterday so his father and I have had to dress it. She has taken out nearly 100 shot and does not think there are many more there. Frank is very anxious for him to get through. The last time he was here, he said that he had that morning taken a womans rib out. Your father asked him if she had

more ribs than she wanted, and he said that she had of that kind, for the bone was diseased. Emma Jane and Ben went to Sacramento this morning, she did not know just how long they would be gone, but she expects to be back so as to go to S. F. Saturday if nothing happens to prevent. I have done but very little sewing since I came home: put new sleeves in E. G. black lace, made myself two nightgowns, and have commenced on my green skirt. Aunt has ripped up her black dress and is going to make it over. Ed Phillips is not getting any better. I believe he had commenced to doctor at the Dispensary before you went away; he is disgusted with them now, and will not take any more of their medicine. It is bed time so I will stop and put my boy to bed. The Dr gives him a tonic and he makes a great fuss about taking it, has to eat a piece of candy to take the taste out of his mouth.

From your mother

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