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My dearest Tom,

Your sweet affectionate letter  
deserves something better far, than this  
prior note, short and hurried- but I  
cannot say when I can impress upon  
This- so shall not apologize- I have  
Been here nearly three weeks - and I know  
You will give me your true sympa-  
-thy when I tell you, that I have  
Been confined to my home, almost  
The whole time- the night after  
My survival I was suddenly taken  
Very sick- a bilious attack – and then  
I have had a horrible cold and cough-  
I have been thin enough-  
But now I am but the shadow of  
My former self- so every body  
Tells me- Sister Em' has had a  
Succession of sick children since  
She came. Poor little Susie has  
been so ill that Linda & I sat  
Up with her last night & the  
Night prior -- she is much

Better today- I hope the attack is  
Broken. -- I feel so sorry for  
Sister Em- her own health is  
So delicate- and when she has  
Not the least opportunity of  
Gaining strength, when so con-  
fined and fatigued With nursing  
Sick children – Family babies are a  
humbug! – don't you think so?  
Lila' is fat and looks like  
husky - but in spite-of it all,  
Has occasionally very sick trends-  
If you think you would like  
To see the half sick gamblers,  
we will be most happily to  
visit you--- to go May express  
is on Wednesday of next  
Week-- now son, if you have  
Other company, or it is at

All inconvenient to receive  
Us, do not hesitate to be candid  
I say so, I shall go home  
The last of September- but I could  
Visit you any time during that  
Month. Mom has spoken once or  
twice of going up to spend a few  
Days with cousin Caroline- but  
She is hard to move- & sister  
Em' is as strong and to bring her  
Here- I am very anxious to  
See you- but think visiting  
Should be mutual –and you are  
Making me do the of it.  
I am looking forward to the  
Pleasure of your company in the  
Winter- then I can offer you  
No inducement- you must  
Make the visit in charity  
Marietta is pretty hilly- I  
Have not been well enough  
To mingle much that way-  
Have been to only one party

They have them constantly.  
I am suffering all the horrors  
Of a sick head-ache or  
Would not send you this horrid  
Looking sheet - but really could  
Not write-answer any better- and  
I know you do not look with the  
type of a \_\_\_\_ On any letters --  
I really must stop -- Hoping to see  
You ever long ---- and enjoy many  
Happy hours with you, I am as  
Her, yours most lovingly----

Louisa

Tranquilla  
August 31st 1859