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My dearest Mother

I feel as if I must write to you by Cheston indeed I should have written yesterday by mail but that I remembered it would reach you nearly as soon if he took it. We were invited to meet them yesterday and had quite a pleasant little dinner party. They seemed to have got along very well, not as much tired as I was. Hannah gave me the things you sent for which I am much obliged tell Miss Zantzinger that Cornelia is delighted with the three little kittens. When we got home last evening we found Cousin Mary and Nannie had come up from

Cornelia often wants to play with Effie, I fear when we get home she will not be satisfied well I must only hope and try to be extra cheerful myself so as to brighten her. She has just come down from her nap and you may see what employment she found. Aunt M. says she would be much obliged to Father if she would let her know exactly how Hannah is and whether there is any danger of its having such an attack as severe a cold as she had this winter that she shall feel uneasy until she hears from him. Now dear Mother with fond love to all my friends most particularly Father yourself Cousin Emily and Annie, adieu. Your affec daughter Mary Hall

When I asked C. what message she had to send to kiss and said that is all, put up her mouth