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My dearest Mother

How thankful we ought to be that you did not receive a more serious injury, and I do hope that it may prove to be as slight as you try to make it appear, but I shall feel anxious until I hear that you suffer no more inconvenience from it as sprains are such deceitful things Please remember to be very careful not to use your foot too much if not on your own account let it be for me, it would be too bad to have you sick at Philadelphia where I could do nothing for you. Little Dodie had a narrow escape this morning, I may say indeed a most providential delivery, thinking it was too cold in my room for her to play while I was dressing I took her back to Ellen, and she tried to sit on the fender