ner of the room, I of course gave her permission so she called to Margaret who took the baby and seated herself on the floor to play ~~and then~~ (all three of them) ~~Dook~~ then each took a doll to put to sleep. Mary put hers in the little cradle and rocked it most vigorously until the dolly fell out she soon jerked her up and put her back again to rock it again as hard as before.

And ~~when~~ they tired of that she played hide and hoop little Mary entering into the spirit of it as much as Deedie. And so it is all day and every day she never wearies of playing with them. I am only afraid it will make them too dependent on others for their amusement however we must run that risk it certainly is a great relief to me when they are fretful to have some one to take them away from me and amuse them

four weeks longer. Deedie charged me with many kisses which I was to send to you and "Grandpa ~~Aunt~~ Han Mrs Buck by Cousin Emily, Effie and everybody". I send a letter which she dictated for me to write ~~you~~ ~~it~~ yesterday. This rainy spell has cheated me out of a visit from Nannie but I hope I shall have it next week. I do hope ~~you~~ you have not been out in all this damp and rainy weather do not hurry yourself beyond your strength. William happened to be here this afternoon and I told him to try to get me some crabs next week and at any rate some oysters. I still have a few chickens and if I hear that Miss Bohlen is coming I can try to get more, and if she comes I would like to have a few lemons. Brian reports that there are strawberries on the vines as big as the end of his thumb. But now I must 'id you good night and as the boat