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My dear Deane:

If you really knew what a fine boy I have you would certainly understand how hard it is to write at night.

Indeed I do very little work at night outside of my family interests. Of course I must go over the children's lessons with them, hear of how many words they have missed during the day etc etc. Mrs. Rose and I both seem to have a somewhat different idea as to what parental duties are, ~~that~~ from many of our neighbors. I think I know why so many seemingly good people have bad children

and why many boys do not like to
stay at home at night etc. The feel
as though we cannot give to much
of the right kind of attention to our
little ones.

But a word as to the family: 1stly

Halter Deane is the dearest boy you
ever saw. Indeed he is a real beauty -
the pride and the joy of every one in
this household. Halter Deane is first last
and always in our acts. Your name is
taken in vain a hundred times
a day. If good good wife was dropped
down on our corner blind folded
she would probably have a new
chill from what she heard. Such
as "Here goes Halter Deane" "Kiss me
Halter Deane" "See how Halter Deane stands"
"Halter Deane my boy". But enough of
this. But indeed he is a fine
specimen of baby food and I only
wish you could see him.

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He crawls everywhere and is just beginning to pull himself up on his feet.

Secondly my good wife is unusually well this winter although her home cares take up most of her time. She wishes me to say that she means to answer Mrs Deane's good letter. Thirdly: Martha is our most original child. I think I told you about her play teacher, Miss Eachemo (her own name) who lived all last winter in our cellar. She now says her teacher is dead and ~~she~~ she will not talk of her any more. He started her to Sunday School a few weeks

ago. A few Sundays after this I thought
I would see what progress she was
making so I asked "Martha what did
you sing today" and she promptly replied.
"Cop Cop the whisky shop" a song her
brother Joseph had brought from the
street. You see she is gaining
much delicious training.
4th & 5th Joseph & Rebecca are
both in school and doing very nicely
indeed.

6th. As for myself I have never been so
well and have never had a better
chance to turn off good work. My
Mexican experience has been a great
service to me and my collection
is rich in new species. I am just
now revising the Suborder Agaveae.
I have taken out Manfreda from Agave.
I already have 18 species! I have
revised Polianthes (the tuberoses) and
referred to it Bravoa. I collected 5 species of
this genus myself 4 of which are new!



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