

My dear Mr. Leane:

As Mr. Rose is very busy just at this time I think I will not wait any longer for him to write for Walter Leane but do as myself.

Yesterday afternoon a large strong box came to our door - of course the children wished to open it at once but I suggested we wait until their papa came home since we always share happy surprises.

When Mr. Rose came

of course the first thing was to open the box - then Walter Leane lifted the inside lid and I did, ^{with} you could have heard his delighted little chuckle.

Then the fire engine was lifted out and while it was being adjusted - he laughed and laughed - he seemed to understand at once that it was his own.

Then you would have thought there was a "really truly" fire, could you have heard the noise and shouts and seen those fat little legs running up and down the house.

It is too bad that you have
to miss seeing his pleased
smiles since you are the
good author of his pleasure.
He is a very demonstrative
little boy and I am sure
he would convince you of
his hearty appreciation.

The children are all fairly
well now - Martha is still
weak and so slight. But
she has a good color and
shape so well that we hope
in a few weeks she will be
her old self.

Walter Heane was so glad
when she came home and
they play very sweetly together.
Of course they play hospital

and Martha and Walter
Heane are the nurses while
the dolls are the patients.
But you will be tired of the
Rose children before you see
them.

There are several New York
botanists in town and yesterday
and today have been very
busy. Mr. Pollard entertains
all of the botanists tonight -
Dr. Britton and Prof Small
being among the guests.

Please give our love to Mrs.
Heane.

Sincerely,

Low Sime Rose.

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[Mrs F. B. Rose]



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