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My Dear Children

Can you believe your eyes. when you read the heading of this letter. & have to pinch myself to be sure it is true. we arrived here about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. found Slater at the Depot to meet us. too overjoyed to talk. all he could do for a long time was to sit and look at us. & was going to come over and surprise him. but when we were going to him. (we had dinner with Kate & Claude. and Claude brought us down to him) Charlie said. Claude will send Slater a wire when we start do you still want to surprise him. I said yes. he says you must think he has a good heart. I then told Claude to put it in the message which he did. Slater said he couldn't sleep for joy when he read it. we found him well and looking and very comfortably situated. so you know he has this whole apartment rented. then sub-rented. but he has two nice little rooms. this sitting room has a couch in it. which I slept good on last night. then he has a full sized bed in his bedroom which he and his uncle Dr. slept in. we go to a nearby Restaurant for our meals. where Slater eats most all the time. so we are having a great time. we come out here on The Hudson River Limited. one of the fast trains. an elegant train. no day coaches on it. we had lower Berths. just across the aisle from one another had supper & breakfast in The Diner. and altogether had

a very pleasant trip. I don't know what Lillian  
wrote you. The morning I left. I was so hurried, it  
was the surprise of my life. When your Uncle Dr  
called me over phone. Last Sat. and told me that he  
wanted me to come to New York City with him to see  
Blair at his expense. He wanted to give me the trip and  
to let him know at once. He is on his way to Panama  
as the ship's physician & surgeon. Your Papa was down  
Tom, and Lillian lost no time in getting down there  
to find him to get his consent for me to make the trip.  
A letter came back to Elvenger on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. Then  
a wire Sunday between us, so he could make all arrang-  
ments. I went down to Jeffers Monday morning. was  
lucky enough to find a little black salin dress ready  
made that I could wear. Had got my hat only a  
few days before. a little purple velvet one with a satin  
facings. with silver pins in it across the front. Lillian  
said you would take it away from me. when you  
saw it for it looked just like you always bought. Lillian  
was awfully good to help me. Dr. Dr. was your Aunt Lillian  
she came up to help me Tuesday. when she was so hoarse  
you couldn't hear her speak without being right by her  
& think what hurt Lillian went of all. would be my get-  
ting to see Nancy Lu and she wouldn't. but I told her it  
wouldn't be long until James. I hope she got. I mean all  
of you got the chicken alright and enjoyed it  
Write to me. I will stay here about two weeks. Then  
be over to see you folks. am sorry to tell you  
your Uncle Dr cannot stop to see you as he had  
planned. for Elvenger like to have never let him  
leave as it was. Dr McCullum is doing his practice  
and he has to leave for Florida. before your Uncle Dr  
will get back. his good wife in Florida is expecting an heir  
write real soon. mama