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[fragment letter, no salutation or date, f. 32] [written upside down along the top of the letter] A word or two more and then I will close and write again Sunday. I never saw a person grow so much better as Josie has in so short a time.

She has had an inflamatory fever and the Dr says they dont last over a week. Hers lasted just three days before it seemed to be a little better. But she has sufferd a great deal of pain I tell you. E

#### [written normally]

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it and reason me out of it.

She has been <u>so</u> good evers since she was sick. I beleive this worries me as much as anything. She told me to night that I must tell you that she drank he sena right down when she was first taken sick

The poor little darling hasn't taken any sort of nourishment since she first said "Oh how my head aches".

Her flesh is very hot and she is in pain all over her especially her head and bowels and she is so sore she dont want to be touched. She didn't want to set in my lap to-day long enough to have her bed made and so we let her be.

I suppose you wonder how I have had time to write all this. well I will tell you I am sitting up with her and I get up and go and wash her in alcohol and bath her head in warm water and talk with her and

quiet her a little and when she goes to sheep I with a little, I laid down to night-and sleft a couple of hours after the Dr. come and releved my mind a lettle and after I laid down I happroved to think I hadn't eat any there since breakfast. I didn't Attent any thing about it before I know I Notel mother I could not swollow a mouthful one areal but could not semember when, Too little Annie serys she fell as though she had a nulones grater en her throat. The hasn't played around the house since Josei was sich. The will sit and read a shell and then ask about Josee, The sumes almost lost The Dr. says Josin is not a very sich child. Her grand father bought her some candy today and she likes to take it and hold in her hand she suys it smells

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quiet her a little and when she goes to sleep I write a little. I laid down to night and slept a couple of hours after the Dr. come and releived my mind a little and after I laid down I happened to think I hadnt eat any thing since breakfast. I didnt think anything about it before. I knew I told mother I could not swallow a mouthful one meal but could not remember when. Poor little Annie says she felt as though she had a nutmeg grater in her throat.

She hasnt played around the house since Josie was sick. She will sit and read a spell and then ask about Josie. She seemes almost lost

The Dr. says Josie is not a <u>very</u> sick child.

Her grandfather bought her some candy to-day and she likes to take it and hold in her hand she says it smells good. She broke one of the sticks and I

heard her musiching away as though she had a right to east eanely. I asked her what the wees ealing and the it was so small I didn't know what else to-clock withit The asked for some water sweetined with molases tonight but I did not dan give it to her You said in your letter awhile ugo that you supposed Josie was as smart as common children. The cont perhaps what you would call smart but she has an uncommon judgment. The heis had a very bad peun on her bowels and I told her I had down all I could for be and could not think of any thing clar. that I could its, The says if we had some balow of gilled it would help of evouldnt-it- mother? but I believe are hund got a anight. I told her me had a little and lit-did Thelp her. I asked her to night what It hadnot got the dipoleries and hikerous better I hadn't got the dipoheria and hikmous better than you do. Annie was out in the kitchen when the Dr said she herelist got and she langued out loud, for joy partly, and partly to laugh at me. No more to night &. Feb. 4th Jose is a great deal better to-day. The

heard her munching away as though she had a right to eat candy. I asked her what she was eating and she said - "why it is a little piece of my candy it was so small I didnt know what else to do with it." She asked for some water sweetened with molases tonight but I did not dare give it to her

You said in your letter awhile ago that you supposed Josie was as smart as common children. She isnt perhaps what you would call smart but she has an uncommon judgment. She has had a very bad pain in her bowels and I told her I had done all I could for her and could not think of anything else that I could do. She says if we had some balms of gilead it would help it wouldnt it mother? But I beleive we havnt got a might. I told her we had a little and it did help her. I asked her to night what the Dr said about her and she said he said I hadnt got the diptheria and he knows better than you do. Annie was out in the kitchen when the Dr said she hadn't got it and she laughed out loud, for joy partly, and partly to laugh at me. No more to night E.

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Josie is a great deal better to-day. She will laugh and play and is cross as a bear. So dont worry about her will you darling. E.