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Dear Grayce:

Another 22nd day of February has gone by, another anniversary not only of the birth of the Father of his country, but of a very capable and gracious lady of my acquaintance in Minnesota.

The principal news in our family is that we put Dolph to bed last Saturday night for two weeks because he had reached a stage of almost complete exhaustion. He is recuperating most satisfactorily and we feel sure will be full of life and vigor in a short time. Marie is giving him very careful and loving attention. John is at our house and Dolph is staying at home.

John, by the way, is developing a good deal of talent as a pianist. Altho he has only been taking lessons a couple of months he is beginning to play rather difficult music and has a very fine sense of time and tone. He rather surprised us the other evening by transposing his piece from one key to another, putting in all proper sharps and flats as needed. His teacher speaks very highly of his ability and he enjoys his work. His mamma aids him when he is at home and his grandma has had quite a kick playing with him while he has been with us.

Dorothea and Lance have been here this week. While the little chap is only a year and a half old, he is a constant source of surprise to us by his quickness in learning everything, his enjoyment of a joke and his general knowledge. We shall be quite lonesome when he leaves us tomorrow afternoon. Bus was down for the game last Friday night and went home Sunday afternoon.

Pat is on a trip to central and western Kansas and I expect he will be in tomorrow night. I think you know his mother is living here now, having an apartment in what used to be the home of George March and afterwards the Frank March home, cashier of the Merchants Bank.