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Bill  
Hall

I would be  
so glad to  
have you  
do so.  
Sept 2nd  
write to Colin  
& Henry -  
for it  
is a shame  
more to  
exchange  
some  
freely  
freely -  
Write  
from  
have  
Innocent  
do so to

My dear Partner  
My earnest &  
congratulations to you & Molly  
on the possession of your  
"one lassie". If it were not  
for Mother I guess we should  
never hear news of each other  
well. I have been tied literally  
since our little boy was born  
- the last one I mean. For  
he was so troublesome at  
first that he wore me all  
out (for I was very weak  
having got up too quick  
after confinement) and  
then Fanny was sick with  
typhoid fever for about four  
weeks before she could walk  
& next had to go away so

burden was all on  
me - You see he had come  
home from Iowa & on his  
way stopped at Peoria &  
made arrangements with  
Elby to start the next week  
travelling for him - but  
finding Fanny so sick when  
he reached home was obliged  
to stay & postpone another  
week when the fever was  
broken & she out of danger -  
there was a long time that  
I had to carry her in my  
arms whenever she was moved  
she was so weak - I am not  
myself yet - & am afraid  
I shall never be quite as strong  
again - Two weeks ago Fanny  
Ralph & baby (little Ben Jackson)  
were all sick together so I was  
up with them night & day  
until I felt worn out again

broth went away the Friday  
following the Chicago fire  
& did not come till Christmas  
leaving the next morning  
was gone till last Saturday  
& went away again yesterday  
So you see his visits are  
like "angelic visits" —

You will be sorry  
to hear that Auntie Buchanan  
met with a serious  
accident nearly two weeks  
ago - fell & broke her thigh  
close up to her hip - She  
was in the kitchen after a  
candle & don't remember  
that she was faint or dizzy  
but thinks she must have  
been for she did not slip  
only fell on her right side  
She suffers no pain & takes  
it as she always does every  
thing - coolly - & the physicians

day she is doing nicely but  
I almost fear she will never  
be able to go without a crutch  
or cane. It caused great  
excitement in town & had  
anything happen to Mrs  
Buchanan & she had not  
wanted for help, & now  
Mrs Latis an Aunt of James  
Earl is staying with her.  
She is very patient & very  
cheerful which the doctors  
say is better for her than  
medical skill & we hope  
she will get along.

How is mother  
& the baby? I want to see  
all of you - but never shall  
I suppose for I find you  
is one more than three &  
I could only just get  
along to go with three & I  
never expect the rest of you  
will come to see me this