

The children and husband  
are well - I am sure if you could  
see Cooper you would forget that  
Harry ever was small or pretty he  
is certainly the brightest and  
sprightliest child I have ever seen  
and beautiful - when I get well  
I will send you a likeness of them  
all - I think Foe is by all odds the pretti-  
est child I have tho' George is a fine  
looking boy more like our pa every  
day - I would love dearly to <sup>see</sup> James  
baby I am sure I should make  
room for a warm place in my  
heart for him - I trust he will be  
a great source of pleasure to you  
all - You are entirely mistaken  
about my writing to you I wrote  
3 or 4 times to Ma and as often  
to you and no answer came and  
finally even a message to let  
me know I was not entirely for-  
gotten, ceased to come and I con-  
-cluded not to obtrude my correspondence  
any longer until it was welcome - you  
know I am not touchy but then I like to  
feel that some of my love demonstrations  
are reciprocated - You must really  
excuse the way this letter is written  
for I am weak and my eyes are nearly  
out but I am so very much better