

I hope he has not ruined it, but if he has & it must come out it will not show. It makes me awfully cross to see, ache, all the time. Once more thank you for all you have sent you have not one I saw lovely your Caroline

Tomokovs, Bulgaria,
Feb 13th 1881.

My darling parents,

It is my desire to thank you for all the things that you sent me in the box, but I don't see how I am to be able to do so, unless you know how you ~~you~~ would feel under the same circumstances.

The journal I will try some time to make a pleasure for you to read. Another the six handkerchiefs are lovely - but the pink & blue ones are too pretty to use. I am so glad to get such nice shoes, for they are both pairs nicer than any shoes I ever saw in Constantinople, & a much better fit than any I have ever been able to get since I left home. The collars & cuffs are very much ap-

precated. My two dresses are as
pretty as I could ask for, & I am
very much obliged for them. Thank
you very much for the Edging,
pins, hair pins, buttons, thread, soap,
muslin, apron, and all the other
things. The red flannel must be
to make some kind of a new style
skirt - I suppose - for surely one
yard never used to make a skirt
for one. I shall make up the wool,
so as to have the trimming ready,
against the time I can add a
couple of yards to what I already
have, for a skirt. What did you
send just one yard for? I can't
see how it is any use except for
babies skirts. Mother dear, your
old cloak has received many a
hug from me, under the delusion
that you were in it. It is no
slander to the other things to say

that I have enjoyed it about as
much as any thing from home.

For the last two or three days the
babies have been sick, they have taken
more cold & have sore eyes again. I
am sorry that I cannot do more to
help take care of them, but suppose
it is best as it is. I don't even yet
get any great comfort out of the tooth
that has been giving me so much
trouble. First Dr. Clarke tried to kill
the nerve & when it did not feel
sensitive he filled the tooth, but
almost as soon as I had the filling
in the tooth began to ache & in less
than a week the filling was ^{taken} out by
a Dentist in Philippopolis. The day
the filling was taken out I had some
thing put in to kill the nerve, but
the dentist - an Italian - was
so awkward that he burned my
lip quite badly, with the same sort
of stuff that he put in my tooth.

It was so badly burned that I had
a white blister (as large as a five
cent piece) for a day —. The
next day I went again to the horrid
creature, & he put some more of
his precious ointment in, & the
second time burnt one troose
than the first, blistering - white -
almost the whole of one side of
my mouth & making it so sore
that though it was done two days
ago, my mouth is not well yet.
& my teeth aches a good deal of the
time. The third day I had a filling
put in the tooth, It is an amalgam
filling, & for my lordly Statens
precious services he charged me
half a L Turkish. By getting
Mrs Marsh who went with me to
the dentist - and was very lovely
& kind - to take him down a
good deal he was persuaded not
to look at any but the one tooth.

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