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My dearest Parents,

Perhaps you have heard one say - or rather I have written that I don't know why I stayed in Samokov this year. Today I have come to the conclusion that there is at least one reason why my lot has been cast here. Ellie & Miliana have gone to Philippopolis to take Surpue. Surpue went very unexpectedly, on only three days notice. Somehow I can hardly bring myself to tell you why Surpue left just now. She has been wanting to go for some time & has been acting at times very cross & naughty, but last Saturday when Ellie corrected her for something she go.

very angry. Sister Ellie was very kind  
to her, but she said she was going home  
& told Ellie that she should hurry up  
& get her dresses finished (Ellie has been  
having the dresses she gave her, made  
for her). However this does not bring  
me to the point of my story. Ellie  
said to me that Suspus' bundle of  
clothes had grown larger since she  
came to Samokov. & to our knowledge  
she had not bought any thing, so E.  
said she thought she would just look  
in her bundle & see if she could here  
taken anything, that did not belong to  
her. Ellie & I went to Suspus' room together  
& as we opened the bundle the first thing  
that we saw was a part of Mrs. House's  
black dress that she could not find any  
where to make up to wear home (You  
know we were so long at Mr. House &  
also there almost up to the time that  
they left for America.) We hid our faces

when we saw the dress, but as we  
got further in to the bundle found  
seven ~~hand~~ napkins of Mrs. House's, &  
a child's pique dress, skirt, socks, bits,  
handkerchiefs, soap, lots of baby towels,  
chemises, drawers, E's flannel shirt, pins,  
needles a dozen or more spools of  
thread, ribbons, a sack of Florio Snow,  
the Sacup of Mrs. Locke, neckties, some  
flannel - about a yard & a half - torn  
off of Ellie's big piece, a silver spoon  
of Mrs. House's, beside these there were  
some other things that I don't just then  
of now. Can you think of any thing  
so dreadful? Even now I can hardly  
believe that the much loved & petted Suspus  
has done such a thing. She says that  
Khanau Eschu told her to take all she  
could, & also the Mariam that we had  
for a while told her to take, take,  
take, that all the servants do, & she  
must, & she said that she was a young

thing when she left her own home & did  
as she <sup>was</sup> told to do. One thing we all feel  
that Suspen is rather relieved than other  
wise, that her things have been found.  
We all feel as if there had been a  
death in the house, but, all the same  
Suspen is sent away, or rather her  
Master & Mistress have taken her away.  
She is to go to her own home, William  
has written to Mrs Parsons at Baginbun  
to ask her to invest Suspen's money, as  
otherwise it would all be used up in  
a very short time. She has been a year  
with Ellie & has been paid thirty six £6,  
Turkish L. or ~~£6.40~~ 157.20, which is  
quite a comfortable fortune in this land,  
where people spend from two to six car  
a day for enough food for a person.

Well. Here I am left with the babies, who  
are well & good. Last night Ellie  
had a great many troubles, first she  
fell against the organ & hit her head

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so badly that it broke the skin & made  
quite a lump, then she hardly got  
over that when she stretched out  
her hand & put it on the hot lamp  
chimney. Poor child, I was so awfully  
sorry for her. I gave her a dose of  
Arnica & bathed her head with arnica  
& water & put vaseline on her hand.

The babies grow smarter every day,  
They now spend a good deal of time  
calling for their "bath" bath, which  
they are very fond of. Mary now has  
three teeth, but Ellen has only two. Oh!  
you ought to see the babies, they are so  
smart & bright. You will know from  
my being able to take care of the  
babies without any help, that I am  
much better than I have been for a  
long time. I think it was Dr. Suffer's  
Emulsion that did me so much good.  
The Doctors are so kind to me! I am  
grateful for their kindness. I had lots  
of things to tell you, my parents, <sup>but</sup> all these

children have driven every thing out of  
my mind. I am sorry to send you  
such a badly written letter. I am  
pretty tired & don't seem to be able  
to write well.

Give a great deal of love to all  
at home & most of all to my dear  
Father & Mother, I am

Affectionately your daughter  
Caroline.

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