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I felt quite cheered about her
she seemed to enjoy the rest and
quiet here, very much and Annie
says seemed better for it after
she went home, we had an
splendid visit.

Annie brought the picture she
has of your Whelan and little
Satt has fallen in love with
it, she goes and points to it
as it lies on the table and
when allowed to take it she
fairly rains kisses on it make
smack after smack on it and
giggles and laughs as if her joy
was complete. She can say
almost any single word and
has just commenced putting
two together. ~~She~~ she is standing
looking out of the window and
just surprised us by saying
"nigger" when a colored man went
by. I did not know that she knew
the name nigger.

I was very much interested in the
Phillips news which you ~~mentioned~~
mentioned, we do not take the
Phillips paper now. Did you
hear of Lottie Jackson's marriage
and of Mrs Bryans death?
I am glad you are all better
again, I hope you may continue in
health. I wish ~~you~~ I could visit
you in Portugal this year and how I
wish I could see you again.
With love and more love I am ever
Your loving mother.

a very nice
said to me
well to be
but I cannot
to write "another
time he said "I
in means
"her" and always
seems to think of you
with affection. He
is very well and
happy in himself
he gets down early
to bed and gets
up very early
and says each to
each before dinner
I hope to see you
soon.

I milled to
say that
the other
two pictures
are
lovely and
lovely pictures
than her
I will
them all
nicely from
home.

[1]

Kansas City Mo
Apr. 22. 1884.

Dear Mary and Willis:-
I have been
intending to write to you ever
since Annie came which was
on the 9th inst. but the days
have seemed full of work
and talk until now. You
know she brought us our
longed for picture and I
have wanted to tell you my
thanks very much. I think it
looks very much as I expected
it to look from recollection
of it as you commenced it
in Phillips, and I shall
always be exceedingly glad
to possess it. I like the upper
part of the face better than
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Mamma

the lower and I think that
 can be made right when
 you make us the visit of
 which you wrote in your
 last letter. the passage looks
 rather too narrow I think.
 The work is beautiful and
 I can easily imagine the
 loving carefulness you
 bestowed upon it.

Oh Mary you are always asso-
 ciated in my mind with
 these blissful days of possession
 and these sad sad days,
 and I think gratefully of
 you and Willie too. But
 I have come to think very
 calmly of dear little Grace
 for as time passes, it becomes
 more and more a reality
 that she is not dead but
 gone before and that she is
 not far away but very

near, and I sometimes
 seem to feel her close be-
 side me. I do not believe
 the spirit world is half so
 far away as we used to im-
 agine and I think death only
 takes the veil from our mor-
 tal eyes, that we may see
 as we are seen. Oh how
 I would enjoy a talk with
 you.

Will you want to hear about Annie
 she is certainly far from well
 but has perfect assurance of
 returning health and so is
 very hopeful. I have no doubt
 she will gain rapidly, I sup-
 pose she will write for herself.
 She looks very much as she
 always does. You asked
 about Maggie, she looked
 better I thought than when I
 last saw her in Wis. and