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Portage, Wis.

Feb 3rd / 88

Dear Grandpa: -

It was very kind for you to write to me, I was very glad to receive a letter from my little Californian niece. I remember just how you looked when I was visiting at your home, but that is a long time ago, and you have grown to be quite a big girl since then, and you are a good scholar too, for your letter is well written, and you told me a lot of news, just the kind I like to hear. I am glad that Helen is so sweet, that she can run so fast, and is able to play so nicely on her music box. I know how you will love her, and

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lead her around the front yard
to show her the flowers, just
as your Auntie used to hold
your hand, when you were
about the same size as Helen
is now and we had pleasant
talks about the birds and the
flowers. I have a great many
of the ferns, flowers, and pretty
things I gathered in these
days, and I like to look at
them and think of the warm
sunshiny days when Auntie
Maggie, Grandpa, with some-
times your Papa or Mamma
and my self went wandering
about among the hills vineyard
and orchards about your
home. I think perhaps you
have forgotten all about it
but Auntie Maggie and I have
not.

If you and Helen were here
 just now, you would not be
 able to walk around the ^{yard} at all,
 there is so much snow Grace
 and I have to shovel paths
 and the snow is piled up
 three feet or more some places,
 on each side, and the flowers
 are all covered up. But by and
 bye we will have warmer
 weather, the snow will
 melt, the grass will sprout
 up, and the beautiful flowers
 will grow and blossom
 and then I wish that you
 could come ^{and} stay with us
 a while, just as your cousins
 from Lincoln came last year.
 I suppose you will often go
 to visit Grandpa and Grandma
 and you will have a very

pleasant time ⁴² I am sure,
you see I remember them both,
and have many times been
at their pretty Home, and
have not forgotten how good
and kind they were to me.

I have never seen little Helen
so the next time you write
you might tell me how she
looks, perhaps she may
look somewhat like Mamma
or Grandma, if she does,
you can tell me. When
Grace went to the Post Office
today she got the letter you
wrote to Grandma, and brought
it home to her, so you see
your letters all got safely
here. I send love and
kisses to you and Helen

Auntie Fannie.

P.S.

I send this letter to
Papa along with yours so you can give it to
him