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[ca May 1901]

instead, I have a fine gallop on him every morning and am teaching him better manners than he had the day you and Papa went to get a few grapes.

Stickum is flourishing and is as intelligent as ever, I am afraid he will miss me when we go to the ^{volumne} ~~meadows~~ with the ^{gierra} ~~club~~ this summer.

Our wild flowers are fading now and the grass is beginning to turn brown on the hills, but I think ^{it} is the best time of the year, for all the trees look so beautiful every where and ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{grape vines are all} ~~the~~ ^{sounded with fresh g. leaves} ~~the~~ weather is perfectly lovely, just like

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summer.

Newspaper pictures usually make Papa look dreadful, but we all think this one is pretty good, only don't the falling rocks look funny, as Papa said, more like roses pouring out of a basket, instead of the great boulders he tells about. And isn't the "King of Outdoors" a ridiculous name? Papa says that next they will be calling him "the Prince of the Power of the Air", and when I asked him what that was, he would not tell.

Anyhow we have lots of fun teasing him about it both in prose and rhyme, and you may be sure he can always tease back, here is some of it to the