

My Dear Sister

I have given the list
of seeds enclosed in your note to Grand
papa he says he will send you the
collection he promised you in a few days
as ~~the~~ ^{it is} not ready yet - Sister
Ellen desires me to say in answer to
your enquiries about her knee, ^{that} the ribbons
have widened lengthened & deepened in
colour two or three shades & that she
expects to keep her room 10 days "without
exaggeration" she says ^{also} she is glad to
find ~~Mama~~ have adopted Miss Goodwins
style of signing her name
Mama passed a bad night & had a slight
return of the pain but she came to
breakfast as usual this morning & is I hope

recovering still - Did you get your
tin kettle & your thimble which I
sent by Martin yesterday? Virginia
found both of your thimbles at different
times laying upon the wires of the
harpsichord I suppose they slipped
through when some one was playing
& in seeking for the cause of the
dumbness of 2 notes Virginia discovered
them - Mrs Trist joins the family
in love to you I wish I could give
you an antidote to the "blue Devils"
~~but~~ in all my experience of them
having never discovered a remedy
for them I resign you to your fate
but some of the young ladies have
the charity to go & amuse you
with their giggling believe me always
yours with sincere affection

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