1336 13th St. N.W.
Washington D.C.
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Dear Emma:

Your letter and the pretty book came this morning - You were very kind to send me the book and I shall take great pleasure in showing it to my friends. I wish I could get a number of orders for you but our friends here like ourselves are often [illegible] much money only for necessities and it [illegible] all one can earn to pay for necessities in this [illegible]

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city - However I will do what I can - It is certainly a lovely book for the money Of course I have not had time to read it but I recognize a part of it - as an old friend I It must have been hard for you to leave Lodie - and for her to have you go - I hope she will not have to remain long. and you have the consolation of knowing she will have the best of care - You were certainly wise in giving to the fountain head at once instead of trifling

with inexperienced doctors I will write her very soon. I have not been well since we came to Washington. The weather has been warm and I miss the tonic of the New England climate should prob ably feel better when cold weather comes. Poor Millie! It must be so hard for her to be laid by. She has always been so helpful to others since it must be double hard for you - I wish I could take a little of your burden upon myself - I have so little to do I ought to worry about what may never happen &

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and if it did there would be some way provided for us - I believe with you that the fall elections will give much comfort to the enemy - How sad it the Times & Conch Last week - Their new house is lovely and they would be very happy one if not for the shadow which hangs over them - Lie Capt. seems pretty well now - but Mrs. Fenn has one she is anxious all the time - Have been so many sudden deaths in her family - Jos within a year and a half at her house and she is very nervous

Joe had a nice letter from the Judge Saturday -
I hope things will brighten for you soon - You are one of the bravest women I know I close in you and wish I could do and do likewise Remember me in love and sympathy to Willie - With love to the Judge and you my own dear child -

Affectionately
Bessie -

Can I send Lodie anything to amuse her. I should not dare send books without knowing what she would like -

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