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[letter from Mary Bruce to her daughter Lillie Bruce, 1877; letter on Saint James stationary]

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Kansas City, Mo. [Missouri] June 8th 1877 [June 8, 1877]

My own darling baby

Yesterday I sent you a box by express containing your polonaise together with the articles you requested me to send you which I hope you will receive in due time. The reason why I didn't send them before was, Mrs Babcock had told me that she expected to go to Newport Ky [Kentucky], in a few days and would take them for me but, as she was disappointed in getting off last week thought she would go the first of the week, so I concluded to wait a while longer for her - but she told me yesterday that she didn't expect to go now, before next week I then concluded not to wait any longer but would pack the box and

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send right away. I hope your polonaise will fit you nicely. The weather here is very cool enough for a garment like that to be comfortable. We've had nothing but rain since you left home. The country is looking prettier than I ever saw it.

I wrote you a long letter last week in which I enclosed you five. I never saw K le [sic] so lively the streets are full of people notwithstanding the wet weather. Our house is crowded nearly all the time. last night we roomed [sic] one hundred and forty four people. eighty came in yesterday. both parlors were full. Your room was occupied several times. Little Alice Devin has just left my room. She is a sweet child and reminds me so much of my darling little May. She kissed her picture, and remarked "how sweet and pretty she was said she

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wanted to see her so bad"

Pauline is quite sick with a bad cough and cold. The rest are all well. Dickie says "Grandma tell Aunt Lil [Lillie] I am getting to be quite a man I'm got my breeches and a coat and can write my name." Darling you must not forget your promise to write every few days. and tell me all about what you. my dear Retta [Henrietta], and sweet little May are doing. It makes me feel restless and uneasy if I don't get a letter at least once a week.

Tell Retta [Henrietta] her "Pa received her kind good letter and will answer it as long, he is kept so busy all the time now. since the house has been so full that he hardly has time to share to play backgamon [backgammon] as fond as he is of it

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DJ has not made his apperance [appearance] here get judging from what I heard about him the other day it was false What he said to you about moving his cattle thy are all still in Lakin

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Octavia recd [received] a letter from Anna telling her that Florence was in a bad fix again and was hardly able to get about. With bushels of love and kisses to each one of my darlings I am always  
your loving

Mother