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Dear Ella:— your letter came yesterday we were glad to know you had a pleasant trip home, How is the baby? How did the chicks hatch? Wont your plants freeze to night? I put mine all out yesterday and they look real well, put the Geraniums all in the garden. That little leaved one that didn't open while you was here, I gave you a cutting, is a bright red, single, with white at the center. The other one, double, that didn't open, gave you cutting, is like the large one of Mrs. Jones' so you have three of them one of them rooted and two cuttings. The lilly is all open and the cactus has opened for several days closes at night. There are still plenty of plants in the pit to care for.

I haven't found a single thing that you left— found the little bell the baby had under the cushion yesterday and that saw potato he couldn't bite. It is now 1/2 past two and I have written since 9 and only 7 pages written and this page



I wish, if you can and feel like it, you would go to your Uncle Emory's shop and do up a lot of old screens ready to send by express, so I can have some to fit the pit with and some chicken coops the cats will get - all my chickens if I do something with them. Your Grandma said she would do it - if it was not so far to the shop. If you can't do it as well as not - just let it go. I ought to write to Bert - but can't spend the time to write such a letter as I want to.

We are neither of us very well. Clara is at work don't know whether she has a steady job or not - Mr. Lehman was here last night. Love to Nat and the baby

Your loving Mother  
Julia A. Rust -