

Pousooby
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My darling Lucy

We are all in a state
of excitement - over the arrival
of the box. Everything is just
what we really
needed. Father unpacked it
while Susie & I were getting
tea ready. I am afraid the
labels were taken off a little
too quickly, and I am just
a little uncertain about the
saphire rings - were they not
from you & Emma? They
are what we have been wishing
for so much - but did not feel

My darling Lucy
of course of love from
mother

justified in spending money
in buying any - & the lace
square for my neck is so pretty.
She has been trying to persuade
me for some-time to buy one.
but I have always put off doing
so & now I shall not need to -

It is so nice to feel that my
darling children have been
thinking of us & working for
us. Father cannot say enough
about the slippers - they are
so very nice. & made up
strongly. - And now I must
say a word about your
picture - It does you great
credit. I can scarcely say
very much about it. This
letter for I have not seen it.

by daylight - yet - & you cannot
judge by lamp light - very well
but - it is certainly very nice
& done. It is much better than
anything I ever saw of Lottis -
The little picture I admire
very much. I will mount
it & get Ted Matthews to make
a frame for me. He will do it
cheaply - Fred admires
his smoking cap very much -
& his pocket book is a beauty.
Poor boy - he has a very sore
mouth. ulcers on his tongue -
accompanied by a heady cold -
he has not been well for weeks -
I fancy they had very bad
water at the place he has been
scurrying at - & you know what

a thirty boy he is - I saw a pair
it - has rather affected him -
Tom has a fortnights holiday
& has hired a boat for that
time - He took us all for a
picnic on Tuesday & on
Saturday he asked Father
me to go fishing - Father caught
6 - I got 5 & Tom only one - but
that was a very large one - I
felt very sick part of the time
it got so rough. Father enjoys
boating so much that I did not
mind a little inconvenience
we beat up the harbour in
fine style coming home - We
were out about 7 hours & came
home very sunburnt - but all
the better for it - I am sure -
I have to write to Emma &