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JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,

May 18th 1888

Dear Mother -

We are gradually getting packed and have a man engaged to come Monday and pack the furniture. I shall take a room with Grace and Nora and our plan is to have John Archie and Eddie go on Thursday's steamer - This sickness has been a most dreadful misfortune to me. If I could possibly have got Johnnie off by himself I should have done so but he would not hear to anything of the sort he is terribly weak and exhausted that seems to be all. Dr. Mallitt thinks a change of air will bring him up very quickly - The children are improving but very slowly - Grace talks continually, when her fever is on, of Aunt Celia's bread and milk - Tell Marnie please that

I can get hats similar to my black hat
for 25 cents and at another store they
have some very pretty ones with lots
of fancy braids around the rim for 75.
The latter come in black white and
shade and are not heavy for the size
the others I saw in a window and
one only white one she might drop me
a line and say what she prefers as to
price color &c - If John gets there before
I do don't say anything more than you
can help to him about his ornate kind
of restrain Helen if you can he is apt
to over expect himself if you say to
him "don't do so and so you are not
strong enough" his mother & father
got to do so and don't worry about me
I am really very well indeed I'm tired
of course but I shall soon get over
that when I can have regular sleep -
Well I must not sit here any longer
there is too much to be done
With much love to all
Josie -