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My dear Susie,

I still mean
to spend July at Saas on some
terms or other but it will
not be necessary yet to en-
gage rooms - there are always
enough to be found, for two
not very particular ladies
I shall write to Charlie about
it & then to you - mean-
while I depend on you

I have had to give up
Peekskill - I can't be every-
where at once & there
are things at home that
I had to see to.

And now, to you as grand mother
I will communicate, a secret
There is a prospect that I

May become a grandmother
at Sac this fall. Susie is
just now quite unwell
& home with her mother
in the initial stages - & as
she has been ordered entire
rest, I have undertaken
to enquire about the layette
now, I have heard that those
things are prepared & sold now
cheaper than one can make
or hire them made. You
have more lately been in
that line than I ~~have~~ &
if it wd not be too much
trouble to enquire in at
Journeys & see what could
be furnished there

I am thinking of the
following programme

six plain Cambric nightgowns
4 open flannel pinners
six flannel bands -
20 flannel shirts
4 - 1st dresses -

This will be the substratum
for them. Will be of course
from mother, sister & grand
mother's additions - These
are the necessities - Lace
embroidery & what not doubtless
will be given - but as
for these I want them quite
simple. Having heard from
you about prices &c I
shall then decide whether
to get them there or to
try my luck here in Hartford

I am not in usual
health this spring &
much need sea air -
cant write much but am

in heart always the same
for you & yours

Over affectionately
A. J. Stone