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Dear Journal,

Today my mother and I visited the Longfellows. When I walked through the door I saw the stairway to the second floor. I saw the living room to the right and the dining room to the left. We left our calling cards at the table by the front door. We walked down the hall to the summer dining room that looked out on the garden. When we went out of the summer dining room we saw the fire buckets filled with sand. We walked back to the living room through the kitchen. In the kitchen there were three different stoves, one for baking bread. When we left the kitchen we went upstairs to the bedrooms.

We went to Zilpah's room first. On the bedside table there was some medicine. There was a fireplace in the bedroom. In the next bedroom there was a scoop with a cover to scoop coal out to warm up the beds. In some of the bedrooms there were curtains around the beds. The next bedroom had a stocking on the bed. There was a rocking horse at the foot of the bed. We went to the last bedroom, which had a fireplace. It was probably the biggest bedroom on the second floor.

When we went back downstairs we saw a kissing ball hanging by the door. We walked back through the living room and kitchen to the back door where there were two benches by another door. Then we walked out the back door leading to the street. We had left the house of our friends, the Longfellows. We had a very nice visit.



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