

Dear Etta- On the 1st of May we shall go to boarding, it being Mrs. Field's purpose to send Trotty and Melvin away to school in the fall. So, in order to have fewer children about when we move, we having been wanting to send the angel child to Kansas City the last week in April, that his sojourn with you may fall in the time of our breaking up housekeeping. But if <word> and to <word>, too, I don't know that we should do this. Melvin is about to start for the Indiana farm- the same place he infested last summer. I hardly see how I shall be able to accompany the angel child to Kansas City, for I am kept very busy. It is likely that he will have to go alone-a distinction he pines for. We are all pretty well, except that I have a wretched headache today. Give my love to Roswell and your mother.

Affectionately Yours

Eugene Field

Chicago, April the 10th 1889.