

water a lot in summer) and have been
sun loving the garden - we have to
work - but not hot days
in the morning - giving up
the sun comes to us -
it is a lovely summer here - for
washing me well there.
- spending our long evenings
as well as music as much
as my time in the sun;
and more for me than
for you, for working

Dearest Nell -

the summer is in full
swing and finds me hard at
work - but glad to have the
work! Anne commutes into
the city and gets a baby sit
a lot. She soon goes off to
music camp for two weeks -
where she'll play violin - and
we will attend concerts at the
end of each week. It is great
fun - and a lot of parents come.



pleased with my results - after years
of effort!

I thought you would love this
and - a bit of Christmas in August!
with great love - gretta



THE BRETT DOLLS' HOUSE 1838-1840

This is one of the earliest known documented American-made dolls' houses, and it was built by the Reverend Philip Milledoler Brett in the sail-loft of the family shipping business on South Street, New York City, between 1838 and 1840. Although it was played with by generations of Brett children, many of the original furnishings remain. Among its treasures is a collection of miniature silver, and a library of books, both containing examples from the 18th Century.

For Christmas, time has been pushed forward to the year 1900. Grandma Brett poses with her favorite grandson for the photographer, at the hub of the bustling house, while upstairs babies are bathed by the fireside and toddlers hear "The Night Before Christmas" for the first time.

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