

Dear Grandfather,

Here are some studio photos of Samuel (Sis) at about 6 months. They are really not as good as the snap shots we take, but having the ones we take printed seems to be a task that is beyond us right now.

Sam is almost 11 months right now, & is still growing at the same rate. He started big & has stayed big. He is now off the growth chart Bella has been using. Because he is so large, the pediatrician says he may be late walking. Right now he seems uninterested in crawling, but that may be partly because his belly

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makes it difficult for him to get his legs behind him when he goes from sitting to lying down. Two nights ago, though, he pulled himself to standing in his crib, so he may walk soon, without crawling much. Unfortunately, he did this at 2 AM, and we had to take his crib apart in order to lower the mattress.

Bella is finishing up her work at U.R.I., & is feeling frazzled by it. Graduate school is much different from college, especially if you have a baby.

I haven't been working as much as I would like, although sometimes I work more than I would like. Freelancing is like that: it's almost always too much or too little, & one hasn't any control over that. Unfortunately, if you work

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more, you earn more, but less, less.

I haven't heard much from Dad, ~~for~~^{whom}

I expected would be a (more) dotting grandmother. He seems to be going on many trips abroad.

We took Sam to see his

~~great~~ great-grandmother Sprague, an operation which took much planning and a few false starts, since she seemed to try to avoid meeting him, but we finally managed, by surprising her when she was out at Caroline's!

A very belated & apologetic thank you for Sam's X-mas check. Samuel seems to have quite a few toys, now, but I keep thinking about some of the wonderful ones we had (& which are in St. Louis); the set of blocks, the toy ships you

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made us, some of the toy trucks
which were handed down to us.

I hope to get to the Island
this summer, especially since we didn't
last summer, and since Nancy hasn't
seen Samuel yet,

Love,

E.F.

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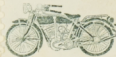
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