Hobart, 18th Oct 1891
Sunday night.

Dearest Boo,

I quite like writing to you and it is very late so that I fear you will get very heavy because this mail. We have no further letter from you; the mail will not be in until Wednesday.

There is not much to add about Robert and the children. Rhodie was in here to day, and she has come in pretty frequently. Robert is not very well, but has a great deal of work on his hands, which is perhaps well for him mentally if not physically. I hope he will go away for a while soon.

C. Henfield
made a slight examination of poor Lizzie. She found 58 or 60 gall-stones in the bile duct of gall, and her liver was badly changed. He told me that no medicine, no operation could possibly have done her any good. He said one might have had her, but she has come out wonderfully during all this trouble. She has shown great strength of character. I think she is much better. She has a great deal of her mother in her, and does not look like any other of the others. I think she is a very good deal alike.

All this week has been absorbed by the Australian Squadron. The Orleans, H. R. H. Cunarder, 2 gunboats, all bearing an Australian name, The Australian Name in the
Ruparooma, N.S.W. Kaloomba, Tint, Mildura, St. Hallaroo, M.S. Narrakatta, and another is called the "Roome".

It was a pretty sight to see the new addition of Batter Point. I went up to the old Batter and past it had a good view of them coming to anchor of the Tanneh of the Admiral. I was not troubled about them since, though there was a hold on Wednesday, Tip, Tom, on the Cracket Ground. Of course, the Mortons were prominent among the members of the Acquation Committee. I have been filled of officers of the town of Sultans all the week. How to give an evening (no dancing) of the Sultans a dance at his house last night. He did not go to either. He was not asked to P.O.T. The ladies came on Monday and so away to tomorrow. The Australian colonies pay 5 per cent interest on their coal, I think the average is 5000 a year. They are quite new types of bona fide, very different from the old type. Mortons have been accustomed to. They are low in the world, and have all two small. Mortons without yards - I don't look at all like one's idea of a man of war.

Everything is dull here. From 4 to 8 has had little. For old Newsex, of New Town, they remember. I used to borrow old Gazettes, &c. She died on Friday. She was buried by day 4. Went to the funeral. She was born in Hobart in 1812. Remembered Old World before it was finished.

On Thursday afternoon went on to Hughes, at
Bridgewater, and stayed until Friday afternoon - enjoying part of the time while flying, as there was a strong wind. The Hughes left our home about February, in the Brough Shark.

We have had quite a rainy week, rain & snowfall. Snow nearly to the bottom of the mountain, and even a snow-shower in town. Quite back to winter again. The rain will do a lot of good, but it has been too long dry to be pleasant for the time of year.

We are all well, except that Dea has one of her recurring coughs. I asked her Doctor to visit. She said she had very dear love, and asked him for writing to
regular, & she added
I wish we could have her
back again; but it is no
like her coming before she has
got the instruction she wants.
She must see as much as she
can, how she is away &
has the chance. She seems
fairly well, and talked to
me for some time about the
different reasons, saying
that you must try to see all
her relations before you come
back. She means all the
other generation, I imagine.
There is nothing new to
report of aunt Alice.
She has given up
the idea of doing anything
about Miss Barrett’s. School.
She thinks it would be too
big a risk, it probably not
profitable, as she would
have to pay a big rent &
play teacher to Miss Carroll's four to successful because Miss Carrolland supplied the house, if they did all the teaching - such as it was - among themselves.

If she could have got some pride, strong minded woman, with some money, to have joined with her as partners, it might have done. But I think she is wise not to go at it by herself.

She is anxious to know about your Paris arrangements, and to let some sketches.

Euny Crompton was here on Friday evening. She's down here about an equal suit which the late Mr. Nicholas brother is bringing about the property. She is a virtuous. The general idea is that the suit has been got up by Henry Robin, that it does not reflect much credit on him.

It has been on 10 days. It looks not the half through. The Mr. Nicholas have a lawyer from Melbourne, who gets 1500 on his brief, and 240 a day besides.

It is one o'clock, so good night, beloved, and God bless you.

Kindest remembrances to everybody.

Affectionately,

Euny Crompton is a cousin of Miss Bardellos. She is her youngest girl with her, a nice little thing.