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must - Cup This let -
ter, tell you can
read - + understand
it your self - Put -
it away - in your
drawer, - or where -
ever you keep your
Boston Curios - Cup -
sakes &c. &c.
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Sovain spoon
for your birthday
I - has his battle
ship - the Olympia
in the boat of it

Oct 22nd 1899.

My dear little Grand-son.

Just six years ago today, this very hour 10³⁰ o'clock A.M., on Sunday too, your bright eyes opened, on this big beautiful world of ours, a world full of joy and happiness, and of love and sorrow also. God grant that you may enjoy to the fullest extent the former, with only enough of the latter, (for alas! it must come to us all) to draw you closer to Him, and your fellow beings.

How well I remember that day of your birth, it was a beautiful cool, crisp sunny sabbath, and I believe it was the happiest day of your mother's life, I shall never forget

I send the
Boston Globe
now, with a description
of pictures of
Admiral Bering
sent here to
your little
cousins - uncle
O's children - &
they must show
them to you -
what you see
them - People
here went
wild over him
I saw him
about 30 feet
from me with
nothing to obstruct

mail her beautiful countenance lit up
with smiles, and she exclaimed in
her matchless joy - Oh: isn't that so, so
sweet. From that day you were her
idol, all during your little baby life
she nursed & loved you and no cry
ever went by unheeded. Her great
desire was that you might grow up a
good boy, and tho' she could not be
spared to see it, I hope you will always
think of it, and if you are ever temp-
ted to do anything wrong, remember
your angel mother, and too, know
always that "God sees me."

I expect that you have grown so
much that you are quite a help to
papa now, you can save him so ma-
ny steps to & from the barn, and prob-

My view -
He was stand-
ing on the steps
of the Hotel.
Your name and
compared to be
making a space
such crowds to
never saw, an
an. behavior
the pyrotechnics
at his honor -
were grand -
But I am -
now say good-
bye -
 Lovingly -
Grandma

ably you can use a hoe & rake now,
Can you? And you may be learning
some in books ^{too} now. You can't im-
agine how I long to see you all
Your dear mild little sister, you may
be very kind and gentle to her, and
your sweet little baby brother, has he
gotten right well? - You must love them
and have a care for them. You know
you are "The big brother" - You being
older can remember so much more &
better than they, must talk to them
about your fair, beautiful angel
mother.

Your aunt Salene will read this to
you, ask her if she has enough spare
time, if she won't reply to your letter for
you, and tell me about herself, Papa
and you little folks. what you say, & love,



You must be good children so that she may have as little trouble as possible with you. It is very kind of her to take care of you. You will never be able to fully repay her for her self sacrifice, but you can be good and try to make her happy.

I was so glad to receive a letter from your Pa. Pa. while in Eastern Texas hope he received my reply. I know he has very little time to write. He is always so busy and does such hard work. I am constantly fearing he will get sick.

You must give much love to him and Saline from us and with a heart full of love for you Merle and Carroll, I'll add some kisses on top of this page -
From your loving grand-mother -
Sophie Andas Lane.