



Uncle Tom wishes
Baby to look at his
white horse.

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My dearest Eddy

Papa sends you a little drawing. Do you see those four birds. They are all dead and stuffed and are stuck upon a piece of wood like this  and another piece is put under their neck. and what do you think they are put there for? - They are Bustards, and that Man in the little house has put them out there as if they were feeding and then he has hidden himself in the house and pushed his Gun out of a little window, and he stays very quiet. After waiting some time he hears a great noise in the air like the rustling of Wings. and then he sees through his little window a great number of Bustards on the ground feeding. and he waits until he gets a large number of them in one line and then he shoots and kills them all. Uncle Tom and Papa went out to see this but the Bustards were very wise and did not come. but Uncle Tom shot one. and Papa send Baby a feather. which Purpur may put in his hat. Papa sends Eddy a great deal of love & hopes he is a very good boy. Eddy must give Doondna & Caga ofacka a kiss from Eddys. dear Papa