

speak she sometimes speaks out loud as if she was talking to a deaf person, and then she speaks quite low in a whisper. Oh dear - Papa has finished his drawing of the dance. The people staid very late, and at last, everybody noticed that the Flag began to shake and the ~~land~~ flames to blow about, and then they all said oh dear oh dear what shall we do if it rains? Eddy sees the great black cloud. Some some of the ladies ran for their cloaks, and hoods, and jumped into boats and pulled away as fast as other staid until it was over. It rained very hard and the rain came through on the deck, and many poor ladies got their white satin robes quite wet. & got bad colds - but at last they all got on shore. Of course Eddy knows that the men in red coats are Soddles, as he used to call them, and the men in blue coats are Sailors like Papa.

Papa is very brave this morning, and has taken a large sheet of paper - to talk to his little boy on and does not know what he is going to say - Papa always finds himself talking about little boys, and everybody seems to know, that he little when about them because they tell him such stories - Papa was sitting at dinner by a very nice lady with a kind pretty face - and she told him such a sad story about her little boy - He was a very good boy and always busy about some useful thing. He was a very good Carpenter almost as good as Mould, and was very clever, he was at school in Malta, and was in his play time repairing a Boat belonging to the school, but he stood in the water up to his knees to do this & staid here for some hours, nobody said him to tell him that it would make him ill.

Papa likes Eddy's hymns very much. He will keep the little book on his shelf and uses them whenever and whenever, etc.
He has got his little boy on his knee, and is hearing him say these
little boy with him - but he must try and be patient and wait - Papa thinks he little boy
within the Church Yard will be very busy. So he must say God bless his
little boy, and good bye.
Eddy and Papa -
Ship Diamond. Jan. 28th 1857.

So the poor little boy got a bad rheumatic fever (that's a long word for Eddy to say), and has been 5 weeks in bed and won't be able to go to school again for a whole year - He has 3 little brothers, and the lady with the pretty kind face told Papa, that they were all so fond of the water, and swam so well. Papa thinks he must go and see them and ask them to come on board and see Ship Dauntless -

One of Papas middys. not a very big boy has been sick for 6 weeks with rheumatism all his ankles, and elbows and wrists and knees. swelled up quite large, and he was in such pain - Papa sent him on shore to a large house called a hospital, where there are a great many doctors, and they nursed him and took great care of him and now he is all well again -

The little boy who bit his tongue is quite well ^{and thanks Eddy for enquiring after him} but here is a funny little thing a the edge of his tongue the size of a pea, of red flesh and his mamma is afraid that it will prevent his speaking quite clear. Papa has ~~left~~ left this little boys mamma Eddys hymn book to copy out some hymns for her sweet boy to learn -

Papa wonders if Eddy has seen any body dance

Papa wants to hear about sailor whether Eddy likes him or much now, as he did before. Sailor went to school. whether he goes out walking with Eddy, and is generally speaking a good boy He has got his Ma Ruby. Papa has a plank very conveniently about to day - Because Papa did not choose to give him his walking stick to carry he went & got a big stone & carried it to his mouth & the next

of course Eddy has seen Jucka & Charley dance when Donda has played on the piano -

Papa went to see a dance the other night on board a large ship. Grown up men and women danced for five hours. how tired they must have been!!

Papa being an old man only looked on but he thought it very pretty and the place where they danced was made so handsome with flags - Papa must try and draw it for Eddy. but it is very difficult.

Did Eddy ever meet anybody quite deaf so that they could not hear one word that was said to them, or any noise however loud

Papa has got a friend here a very old lady - called Lady Peltwick who has come out with her son in a little ship belonging to him - and she can't hear any noise at all. Can Eddy guess how people talk to her?

They have two ways of talking to her. One way is on their fingers. Donda acts Show-

Eddy too, and the other way is by writing. The poor old lady always carries about a piece of white China, and a pencil and a sponge, and when she asks a question of anybody she puts the piece of white China in her hands, and they write the answer. She is a very very old lady full of fun and jests and laughs but as she can't hear herself

Papa saw a friend of Eddy's Palmer Sollland. He always writes after Papa's little boy - Sollland is going away from home - a brother of his has left him a fortune and he has bought a beautiful place in the North of Italy near Switzerland and is going to live there. Eddy would not know him again because he wears a long red beard.

