At Great-Aunt Martha's.

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Here we are – just arriving to stay with Great-Aunt Martha
I rather guess — this is what went on in the kitchen before we arrived!
Look at Sammy!

We made him have his bath first—to take the chill off for us!
When the frost came everybody went sliding –

Great-Aunt Martha too!
And we fought a deadly battle -
(no bones broken - ha! ha!)
When we played hide & seek in the evening

Sammy and Sarah Louisa were an awful long time finding us—
Then we dressed up — everybody put on everybody’s things — nobody looked like nobody — some thought we would act a play —
It was Beauty and the Beast -

Look aat these sillies -
They all thought they were the prettiest — so they kept on lying down — —
I thought they might have asked me to be Prince –

-- But I don't much care for acting --
Then we did another -
It was about a girl called
Julia Etta -
She lived in a top room and
looked out of a window -
I was a Roman and went
and played a banjo to her -
Great-Aunt Martha was awfully kind —
She let us have all the horses in her stables —
and we all went hunting —
Sometimes they didn't get over the hedges - !
And that wasn’t much fun —
And the Doctor had his hands full –
But we didn’t miss Great-Aunt Martha’s Goodbye supper —
& didn’t we sing “for she’s a jolly good old soul”
and three times three!
hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!