

Vanhusdals as a common thing, spoiling the grass, very much to his annoyance, which I suppose he incautiously expressed before the child; whereupon Mr. Robby hailed James Manning one day, and informed him that his papa didn't like his smoking us of his lot in such manner. Of course he was offended; and T. tried to smooth it over, but was cut short by the remark that he ^(James or Robby) had it from "hell quarters".

Moral. Never have a gate between your own and a neighbor's lot; or if you must be so foolish; be sure to hold your tongue before smart little girls and boys.

Well Darling, I didn't write because I had much to say, but because I know you liked to hear just a little from home. I wish you could have had the caress I received just now from Ab, it was very sweet but spoiled my writing somewhat, and could have been spared to you. - Write often and fully if you can without overtaxing yourself.

Love and kisses from all to our dearest one.

Augusta.

(I am not ~~at~~ today, but am glad of it)

A letter came from Cincinnati in regard to the London Convention and suggestion, which they expect you would answer by the 1st of April. Descriptions of papers are given and regulations to be at the Glasgow assembly, and the time of your return to me uncertain, but such, then to you.

Dear Husband,

I am afraid the children will interrupt me too much to let me write, but as it seems likely that you will be detained longer than you thought, when you last wrote, I know you will look for me from home.

Uncle John just left me. He said he had a letter from Judge Storey which he would send to you to hand to the President. He says he has telegraphed to you but would get no answer, and that Keirstead said you were in New York, he asked them how he knew that? "Oh I know"; was the answer; so I suppose you are closely watched by those interested in your movements.

As for the City Solicitorships, Uncle says that Salivari and Lovell are the only

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contestants, and he thinks he can get rid of Sullivan easily enough.

Perhaps he will write to you himself when he sends the Store letter, I hope the latter may not be needed.

We spent the afternoon of yesterday at Mr. Brady's. Eliza brought her sewing and sat with us. Luther had just got his appointment, and looked quite bright, yet did not quite like going to Washington.

Reports were incorrect as to Hershman's child; there are some hopes of its recovery; Rufus King's was still alive at noon, but not expected to live.

One of Brown's children (at the old house) is considered hopeless. ^{There are} all sick with scarlet fever. At Burdell's, the daughter has Whooping Cough. It does seem as if the season was peculiarly fatal to young children and the aged. Mrs. ~~State~~ ^{State} was buried this morning.

Thus far our little ones seem very well for which I am ^{thankfully} thankful, not knowing what a day may bring forth

To have us all safely reunited is the all-pervading wish of my heart.

With the Office of course if possible; but with or without, I hope it may be soon.

I see by the morning's Commercial that Comly, Farrer and Dimmy are spoken of as the aspirants; and heard too that Wade says that the latter shall have it. I thought the latter gentleman had withdrawn, what does it all mean?

Mary and Lib were here today, Robby was kissing and hugging Mary so hard, that she came to the conclusion that his love for her was very great, and that he would miss her very much when you returned.

The little fellow still talks about you, and the others are very anxious to see you.

Bob has just been to me to have his finger "treated" for some slight hurt received

I was quite amused at one of Robby Tansdell's smart doings.

There is a gate between the two lots of Smith and Tansdell, and the former ^{and his family} ~~was~~ ^{is} in the habit of going through