

Dayton O. April 6th,
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Dear Luther,

Mary and I stopped at the
Office on our way to hotel this evening, and
got two letters from you, of the 1st and 2nd.
So they ^{too} did overtake the other as you predicted.

The last showed your usual kindness, in
wishing to spare me unnecessary pain.

I seldom see New York papers, but there is
enough in any of the papers to make one
half crazy, if the reports are believed.

Sometimes it is easier to keep calm
than at others; but it is rather difficult
to feel that there is no ground for every
rumor, and I am very anxious always till
confirmation or denial is made public;
very often afterwards too.

I do not understand you to say that you
do not visit that 'situation' at all; only that
you do not consider it nearly as desirable as

them as to be visited and also not to mislead your
generally.

Gudbye
Dear and
Belts
Angels

previous to amendments in the bill.
Am I right? Even if we cannot be
with you, I should feel better about you
if you were out of the Field; although
I should not like to see a younger man
exposed to the influences of a corrupt City.
I believe we can trust each other; this,
while it makes our union sweeter, also
makes separation more endurable.

We both began our married life with good
resolves; have encountered some unforeseen
trials, but thank God, still love purely
and tenderly, every year increasing its
intensity. May you be spared to see many
many years in Best one.

Our little ones seem pretty well again
they run wild most of the time now; Lella
with the boys, she having a week's vacation.

You may be right about ventilation, but
I seldom come up stairs without finding
all the doors open clear out to the porch
and generally comfort myself with the idea

that pure air is coming in. - Aunt Mary
is to occupy Lella's room while here, but after
she is gone I mean to put two of the children
there to sleep, and the door can be open
at night.

I must not forget to tell you of the
arrival of "Pee-wee", or Madison, Howard's
contraband. He came this morning,
and seems very happy at getting to the
"Colonists' folks." Says he feels at home
now. Bruno made friends with him im-
mediately, as did the children, all of
which pleased him exceedingly.

He sleeps at Uncle John's, but takes his
meals ^{here} with us. So to take care of Annie's
horses and cow, but will do our work;
Uncle bears part of the expense. - Heard
told him that Father would not give
high wages, but he preferred staying at
any rate. He will be kindly treated
for Howard's sake, also for his own I think
a queer looking specimen he is; I have

not been able to find any more in his
profile!

Thursday Morn. — The boys are swinging
and playing on the upper porch, enjoy-
ing this bright spring morning. Both are
quite well. Rob's birthday comes to-mor-
row; I don't know what we will do for
the little man; but it shall be properly
celebrated. I believe I forgot to tell you
that the 25 cent piece came to hand.

Uncle John came past this morning.
he had not yet collected that money
because he said he was so busy in court.
I have some hopes that he will attend
to it today. — Don't know what made
me think of it, but why did you not
tell me about that "other affair of Mr. Stacey's?"

My room is in beautiful confusion and
Baby not bathed so perhaps it is time to
close. — Many thanks Dear Husband for
your kind consideration in regard to
health and feelings, I will try to regard