

Sella and Frank have been earning money today; I have paid them a cent-a dozen for night shades. Sella earned 15 cents poor Frank only one, and that, Robby threw away for him. He does not seem to care much however. — Howard is quite sick, I am afraid it is an intermittent fever.

He has not seemed well since his trip, and for the past two days, is in bed. Mary is not well either, so Will Howard acts as protector tonight, to your wife and bairns.

I took the children to an Eskola's boy today. I doubt its living long; she fell down cellar and had it two months too soon. The poor little woman looked badly herself and made me feel sadly for her.

I think I have told you all I can desire; it is 11 o'clock, and my left side aches badly.

I will ask Mother about the Magazine in the morning; she seemed inclined to like it upon examination. Good night dear, dear Letter.

Wednesday — Howard had high fever all night.

We cannot yet tell what the disease is, and are very anxious about him. — Mother says she does not yet know about the Magazine. This is the fourth number and they say completed one volume; how is it? Four volumes of three numbers each?

I gave the note to the preacher yesterday but he has

Office myself
Write soon
Love from all
To you my
dear and del
Howard.
Augusta

My dear Husband,

Your letter, for which I had been looking so long, came yesterday. I was just preparing to enjoy it, when Father told me the dreadful news of our defeat. The particulars kept coming worse and worse, till this morning when ~~from~~ the 5000 killed, (upon which I had to retire last night) had decreased to 600. Bad enough certainly, but better than the first. — It was a sad anxious time with most of us, as Mr. Odlin said, we felt as if we had lost home, friends, country, every thing we possessed in this world. Besides there was great indignation about the refusal of the Ohio troops to fight; how justly I am not prepared to say. I hope now that Patterson is superseded and Mc. Callan in command of the Potomac division, that we will have better success. — Congress seems inclined to see the fight at the country's expense, so

dilatory as they ^{members} seem about closing up
the business. Some of them want to send
you all home too I think. I think it
is best to wait their motions at any rate
before packing up the family for removal.

I have been taking Mrs. Brady a ride
this evening, and it seemed to be a great
treat to her. I took her to Mr. Kinn's.

Liz showed her all that she had pretty
gave her a handsome bouquet, and some
plants, all of which gratified her exceedingly.
She says give her best love to you, and
tell you that the forlorn old sisters will
try to get along. Eliza feels more comfortable
to day, and took a ride this afternoon; she
sees 'girl-hunting' however, and that was not
the best thing for her spirits.

My dearest, I beg that you will not hunt
either a house or a boarding place; it
seems to me that I would much prefer the
life within the Fort; even though I am
the only lady there. — I wish to be rid
of the care of servants ~~and be independent~~
of all need of fine dressing and fine
company; I am tired and want to rest

that is as much as the care of our little ones
will allow. — Another facilities for bathings
and, can we avail ourselves of them? If
not let a bathing tub be provided.

Another thing, if bugs or mice infect the
premises, do poison them out before
we come; both for comfort and safety.

I talk as if I fully expected to go to you
yet I really feel great doubts. Still I
think it cannot be long before I see you
again; one way or another, and that
helps me to bear this separation better
than I otherwise would.

I forgot to tell you a speech Frank made
the other day, and which caused his cousin's
great amusement. He was trying to tell
how high he had been up on the 'see-saw'
and said "I sawed as high as I could see."

Robby was much exercised about a chicken
which had touched him in trying to escape
from the children. "Chick-eat! pick-eat,
on-eat, meat" was shouted out at every
body till we all knew about it. He would
kiss me and draw my face round to his
to repeat the ^{off-td} story.