

What must be done with those letters in your closet? — I have been thinking about having Mother pack away her things in part of her house, ~~and~~ renting the other, and coming into ours. I do not know whether she would be willing, but it might be a good thing for her and for us also. don't forget to tell me what you think of this. — I do not want to keep house alone when I return, and could have the front room ^(library) and let Belle sleep in the little one perhaps. I cannot think of all I wish to say for the children are troublesome, and I will wait till they are asleep to finish.

Evening — We have returned from Lib's, and the children are all in bed. — All are well out there and a better-natured baby could not be found than Elliott.

Ed. Parrott is flourishing; I heard that he had his head cut, shaved and sand papered!!! His whiskers trimmed into a point!

My dear Husband, I beg of you now, and I am in earnest, that you will not allow your upper lip to be covered with hair. while I can see you; It is unpleasant to me to say the very least of it; and I do hope the trials I once had from that cause will not be renewed

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Dear Husband,

after many trials and disappointments, I have at length got your letter. Uncle John looked last night; Father went twice this morning without success. Willie Brady finally brought it from Mr. Corwin's box. By the bye, that gentleman left suddenly for Washington on Friday, so that all hope of having him for company is at an end, and I am very sorry, for I dread the journey exceedingly.

You seem anxious for all of us to come. it may be better, so you may make your arrangements accordingly without further objection on my part. I had supposed my plan the most economical and felt-kind of household cares besides: but if your way is best and we can have all with us, I must give up my idea of being released from housekeeping.

Is there furniture for a girl's room? Must I
bring my casket? I suppose a sewing machine
is out of the question, but I shall miss it
more than any thing in the house.
("Papa, yetta?" (letter) says Master Robert.)

We have six blankets. I will bring them, sheets here, and is pronounced 'splendid' by
pillow cases. - Tablecloths - napkins - knives of the young ladies. - This speech at the depot
~~and~~ forks and spoons. - although the ~~these~~
two latter ones are rather shabby.

My preparations have been going on steadily; but as I was unable to get as much
assistance as I expected there is still
much unfinished.

Mr. Craighead did not call till last
evening, for which I delivered a short
lecture and he apologized. His wife was
with him and they staid about a half
an hour. He says too that he forgot
to put your letter in the office till the
next day, so that it came the day after
he did. His wife called him a ~~wretched~~
creature for the same, and he was
exceeding sorry.

I have been expecting to go out to Lib's all
~~day~~ ^{morning} but have been prevented by the rain

thus far; that has ceased however, and
we will probably go soon.

Quincy and Will Howard came in yesterday.
The former looks well, and is enjoying
home exceedingly. - Col McCook is stationed
home. - His speech at the depot
or Court House was said to be ^{very} ~~exceedingly~~
brief. He said that he had never made
a speech in his life and didn't know
how to; that he had had these boys
under his charge and took the best
care of them he could. - And that
was the end thereof. They seem to have met
with a warm reception, and all thoughts
of cowardice are entirely wiped out by late
reports. I have cut out some of the notices
of them which I will try to remember for you.
Schenck made his appearance in town followed
by a 'darkey servant'. He was not expected
I believe, and his grandeur created some
little sensation. It is said that there is
a probability of his being placed under
Fremont, but I suppose he will beg off from
that. -

I don't believe you ever realized how much I suffered at that time. By the way Dearest shall ^{or must} I bring the flush brushes along?

Is there a cook stove at the house and are there ^{flat} irons (waffle irons, these are of course unnecessary unless you wish them) — How big a box can I send and how heavy may it be?

I have not yet spoken to Ernestine and will not unless I hear of your confirmation. A vote may send you home and then what a quantity of unnecessary planning we will have done!

Hunter Collin is sick at Jamesville and his mother and father have gone to nurse him. They think he is doing well however.

Linn and Jack Shepherd speak well of him; the latter said he was very superior to his own Captain.

Howard is driving out now, but looks weak and pale. — Mrs. Brady and Eliza are doing pretty well. Mr. Brady had been unfortunate and lost his trunk; and, I suspect is very homesick. — If Howard had not been

sick, you would have taken Mary out to
see Bravis, and she has had a narrow escape
for two of the Schenk girls are out there, and
the General and Lily are going this week!
You will have a delightful time I imagine.

Well, dear On, I could talk if you were
here; but, my pen does not run very fast.
As for rules, I shall be obliged to take
the one my company takes, and will
let you know as soon as I do myself.
You seem to be having rather a jolly
time; I did not suppose Officers could do
so in war times. — This rambling
sort of writing must be stopped; do try
to find out all the questions I have asked
and answer them. Anticipate any others
I might to ask. — Have office things removed
I suppose, and pay the rent.
Good night dear Lutter, I cannot write
any longer.

Monday Morn. — Nothing to add this morn-
ing. All in usual health.
Good bye.

Augusta