

embarrassed a day or two since, by the arrival of Don Platt's horse, which was to go with General Schenck's. But although Lilly had written to her father that the horse was coming and he had told of it, being very much gratified; the horse was not forthcoming, a sufficient sum not having been subscribed. — Poor fellow! I do feel sorry for him but particularly for his daughters, the mortification is very great.

It is very late, so that I must go to bed but I will talk again to you dear ones, to-morrow. Good night.

Wednesday Evening — I am expecting the Sea Bell to ring soon but can wait a little if the children do not come to me too often. — I was going to tell you that if Della is good enough I am to take her to the Sunday school picnic, as she was disappointed at the Fourth.

I went to Judge Holt's to see whether it would be 'proper' for her to go; having asked the question, Mart said "why? because Luther is away, and there might be some young people there?" So that was not my fear she told

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Dearest One, I must write to you to night I cannot help it! Do not think I am grieving, I am just as good as you can wish and bravely bearing this great trial. Judge Holt said to night that he supposed I hardly knew how I felt yet; I told him I felt as if in a dream yet and was only afraid I should awake to the reality.

He said that he asked Mrs. McDermont how she liked her husband's absence.

"Not at all, my mind has undergone a change about second marriages, I don't blame any one for making them" was her very decided answer. I saw her as I came home, and mentioned

it to her, whereupon she declared that I would be of the same opinion before three months. Mrs. Holt told me that she ^(Mrs. M. D.) intended visiting the Doctor next week.

But seriously, dear Husband, I am a marvel to myself. I allowed myself a hearty cry after the last dear embrace, and then went to work as quickly as possible and so have continued ever since, my efforts have been rewarded by a cheerful frame of mind most of the time, and, when I get my letters, quite joyous, ready to laugh, even then.

Mother came near to upsetting all this, by telling me of your affectionate solicitude for me, in requesting her to let you know how I got along.

She says give her love to you, tell you that we did not know how very much we loved you till now, and that ~~the~~ children and I are getting along so well that she thinks it unnecessary to write to you herself. For your kindness dear One, receive your wife's dearest thanks, my heart is full & overflowing when I think of your constant care and above all for this last secret proof of your love.

All are so kind to me here, that

I can want for nothing, but you. Joe said last night that he would do any thing for me that he could.

All at Father's are watchful; and Uncle John came along today with, "now don't kill me!" I found it was because he had not come in to see about my marketing. I told him I had not and did not expect him to attend to that; but he declares he will do it. He then told me of the fun he had over the efforts of Mr. J.D.P. — ps. to find out from him whether you were in command of the Fort or not. — Uncle J. had told Hayes and K. King (who is a great friend of the whole family) and said he was sure the first one he told the gentleman. He questioned and questioned all around it; but could learn nothing, finally he had to tell it himself, when Uncle John said Ah! whe? very much to Mr. King's amusement.

This evening Uncle took me up town to do a little shopping and rode me and the bairns around town a short time.

He said that Mr. F. was very much

it, but he was very much afraid you would not accept.

I am very sorry you have received not letters, I sent one last Friday, and a second on Sunday; this I suppose will go to-morrow morning. - Your last came promptly, mailed the 8th and came to hand the 10th in the evening.

Now about my arrangements. What kind of bed clothes? The best, or medium? Toals? - How do the ladies dress; plainly or extravagantly? Will I be obliged to get a nurse at all? I don't like the idea; but if I must would prefer getting one there. - Of course Congress may settle all this for me in a quick way; but still I would like you to tell me as nearly as possible what I ought to do in case I go. Must - I prepare every thing I want before I go? If there are no facilities for getting work done of course I want to do it when I have the machine at hand. I did not see the children when the letter was sent to them, as their grandfather performed that office. Mother said Frank drank it in with both eyes and ears, and Master Rob. paid no attention whatever!! Poor Father! his eyes filled up immediately at the idea of the childrens going away; he picked up Rob. and said it would not do at all. Mother seemed to think when I first spoke that you wanted us before Congress had decided, and accordingly rebelled; but thinks

Open your mind
and see if it
will not be attended
to in time - if
I do not go
to bed now.
My Auguste
Good my W. - Alas! - I fear you may
it - all right - you are perfect.

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Pl. I know nothing about the Zouave uniform, and don't know where to find out about it. Tell me if you can. Perhaps Mr. Gilman can give you some of the answers to my questions.

me that she was on the 'basket-committee' and her invitation was sufficient, as I said it depends on Bella, and, the weather. The other children will stay with their grandmother.

You spoke of the possibility of taking me to stay with you a short time.

As I suppose you can accompany me but once, I think I would prefer ~~going~~ going to you and having you come home with me. Would what do you think of my taking Frank?

He seems feeble, and perhaps would be better for such a journey. Of course I understand that all must depend upon your orders and convenience; but, if my proposal does not clash with your ^{probable} engagements tell me what you think of it.

Uncle John pronounced your last letter, an excellent one, and wanted me to heed the advice, which I am doing as I have already

told you. - Mary said Uncle John said something about me the other day, when she said, "why I think you is doing very well, don't you Aunt Anna?" "Indeed she is," said Aunt Anna. Whereupon Uncle John broke out, "Of course she is, I didn't ^{she} say wasn't." This is always his style of answer whenever he thinks any one does not do me justice, they tell me that he thinks very highly of me, and I am very glad of it.

Night - I have got your letter which is mailed the 8th. and have been trying to attend to the business part of it.

Uncle John promised me two or three times over to see to the blue stripes, and as a storm was just coming up I concluded to leave it to him; this evening I found he had forgotten it entirely; so I went up to find out all I could myself. They showed me the coat which instead of being in New York this evening was to be sent tomorrow. Pantaloon's had not been made at all; they said you did not order them. I did not know whether to order

them or not; but thought I would consult Uncle John.

While on my way home, he drove up to where I was and told Mary and me to jump in and he would take us home before the rain came up; but no such good luck; then a heavy shower came up and as the carriage leaked I got quite wet. - Uncle said send the coat and tell him not to make the pantaloon, so I sent him a note to that effect and also told him that I wanted to pack some shirts and pillow cases with it, and cautioned him about allowing it to be pressed by them. I will also send the Register with them. - I am obliged to send two shirts unwashed, they were one Mary's bed and these four are all I have of the right size. The pillow cases I have made this evening. Uncle John says he will attend to the other business, and I will watch him. He has been at work in the Cemetery the past week, and is sad much of the time, your appointment seems to cheer him up more than any thing else. He says he did not exactly like to tell you to accept because he feared something might happen to make him regret