

where the top was. I think I have seen
them both do much better things, but
they did amuse us at the time, and may
you also. — There she goes now, and
I mean to follow, for I am tired and
"seesy". —

I do hope another sabbath evening
will find you safely at home; I don't
know but it may be better to be sepa-
rated a short time but on some
accounts, but I do not feel inclined
to try it soon again, if I can ever get
you back. If I had not the children
and Mary I couldn't get along at all.
So just come home, as quickly as possi-
ble, with good or bad news, just as
you can. — I hope this is the best
letter you can get before leaving
Washington; of course I don't want you
to come before your business is done,
I only hope ^{that} it is nearly done.

Good bye dear One.

Love and kisses from all.

Thy Augusta.

Dayton O. March 10th.
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My dear husband,

I have been highly favored
yesterday and today, for there was a letter
both days from you, and this evening
on returning from Jeris, one from Mrs. Williams
was handed to me.

Yours of yesterday I have already answered,
but will write again, knowing that you
are just as glad as I am when a letter
comes. Your news is rather more encou-
raging in the best; and yet I hardly
dare hope; Mother declares that she is
not going to be ~~disturb~~ ^{disturb} up by anything
short of the ~~business~~ ^{business} itself.

Sella is delighted with her letter, and
I believe proposes to answer it; she said
tell you that she liked it very much
and would like another; I told her that
she must not expect that, for Frank
was entitled to the next, if you had time
to write more before coming home.

No doubt the little fellow would be highly pleased, but I think a sight of you would be still better; as he is constantly telling me that you have "staid enough" and asking why you stay so long?

This morning he wanted to know whether you were talking to "Mr. Washington".

Mrs. Williams' letter was an answer to one I sent last Monday. She sent me the seeds, and accompanied them with a very friendly word; hopes that Father may succeed and wishes me to let her know about it. — Edward and his wife live with her, and she seems much pleased with the marriage. She will no doubt need their society, as she says that Jewville is obliged to go to New Orleans to be absent two months.

We all went out to feed about noon and remained till evening; all are as well as usual there; and the windows look beautifully.

Here I stop, and ate corn that Mary parched; then I asked her confidential Ladyship what I should write to you

she pretended to think I could not love you much if I could not fill up this sheet; I told her I could easily fill it up with love, but didn't want to. She then advised 'raising a rookery' by telling you that I had received a letter from Gran. today. Of course I would do nothing of the kind so that she didn't help me much. She says too that she hopes you have not forgotten to give her love to Mr. Lincoln and respects to Mrs. Lincoln! Savee box; I am going to send her to bed soon.

Mary still suggests items in spite of my having ordered her off. She has changed her tactics and now proposes the smart doings and sayings of Rob. and Frank. — She thinks Rob was very funny, because when I refused to give him more apple he turned to me, held out his plate saying 'jay, jay' he will omit the huckle.

She says that she showed Frank a girl at a spinning-wheel and told him she was spinning, whereupon Frank asked

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Wednesday Morn. — I got your letter
an hour ago, just before breakfast; and
a good one it was too. — I was very sorry
that Mr. S. had to leave when he did
but suppose we had no right to expect
any thing else. — Uncle John will be at
home today from Columbus, and we
will hear from Mr. S. through him.

Frank is delighted, and refuses to
part with his letter; he will show it
to his Grandmother himself, but not allow

to be sent. — I hope you can be at
home by Sunday; my heart-beats fast at
the idea, still I must not hope too
much. — I must close in haste
as it is now eight o'clock and Mary is
trying to get this in the morning mail.
Goodbye Dearest.
Augusta