

Dighton O. April 5th.
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Dear Husband,

I am nearly overwhelmed with kindnesses, on this my thirty-first birthday! — Mother made me a very handsome "Twilight" (an evening head covering) Mary supplied me with six varieties of ~~Viburnas~~ ~~fascinating~~ garden, and from Lib and Henrietta I have a dozen pots of choice flowers for my front yard.

Sarah and Mary brought me a large pot of wild flowers; Edoly made me a pair of cedar knitting needles, and Bessie sent me in her cradle for Baby, which promises to be a great comfort, as the little one has gone to sleep easily in it and saved me much labor.

Betty has been working diligently over a very pretty toilet-cushion which now adorns my bureau. Last, but not least

and of time, I have a letter from my dear aunt, so rather than
disappoint you
I'll send it, as
it is.
I don't expect
to remember
that Mr. Collins
has shown
himself very
kind indeed
about you.
Love and Greetings
Thine
Augusta

are my own little children's contributions
First the vashrag, which was completed
to the great joy of both Bella and her
mother. Betty and Frank had each a small
glass ball, one silver the other gold lined
which Mr. Phillips handed them last Sun-
day, and Sam Darst persuaded them to
break little holes into, they were still pretty
however, and they insisted upon my ac-
cepting them. They also had some candle-
lighters. — Now a letter from you, dearest
would complete my day very delightfully.

Evening — The letter did not come, but
it will tomorrow, no doubt.

We have company to night, — Uncle John's
young people took tea with us in company with
Edward Affleck and his friend, who came last
evening unexpectedly. — Aunt Mary and her
daughter Mary are in Delaware, and will be
here in a few days.

I sent you a paper this morning with
our glorious election news in it, where with

to make your heart glad.

Yesterday I baked ^{you} a jelly cake and some
small cakes; the first good I believe, the
latter light but not to my taste. They
made but a small box full, but I did
not like to burden Robert with more.
Bella and the boys also put in small
tokens of love, and will look anxiously
for the letter that shall tell of their
safe arrival.

I told you that Uncle John had written
to Mr. Collin; he did not receive the letter
at Columbus, but it followed him home,
and meeting Father soon after its receipt
Mr. C. said he should take great pleasure
in writing for you. This evening he came
over to see whether we knew to whom
you wished letters written. As he knows
Mr. Stanton, and letters have already been
written to Mr. Chase, we came to the con-
clusion that Mr. S. would be the one.
By the way R. has received an answer

from Mr. C. which means just nothing
in my opinion. Robert said it was the
only answer he had received to his numerous
letters. Then he laughed and said he forgot
to write to you. - I don't suppose he went
today, as he said Eliza said she could not
get them ready till tomorrow.

Uncle John has not collected any money
yet, and I suppose we will have to wait
till the election excitement is over.

I must go downstairs a little while now,
as the young men will leave at midnight.
Wednesday Morn. - Uncle John persuaded
Edward to remain over night and he, his
friend, Mary and Henrietta are all taking
breakfast with him this morning.

For fear my ^{last} letter does not reach you
I'll repeat, that you may ^{communicate} direct to Robert there,
or send for your box, to ~~the~~ care of Judge Walter
Indian Office.

This letter has been written with so many
interruptions that it is unfit to be seen, but