

Dayton O. March 31st.
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Dear Husband,

The "neglected darling" will make haste to correct a mistake of yours.

She was not complaining, for she thinks she has an exceedingly attentive husband.

Has no other correspondent so prompt?

By the way if you have a more prompt correspondent than I am who is she?

Fair question to follow yours!

Late— It is nearly eleven, and Mr. Tillet has just left us. Baby threatens me so I doubt my finishing this tonight.

Nannie is expecting a new corner, I don't know when, but Mr. F. says she has had to lie in bed a great part of this winter.

Kate is to be married to Elmer Ball of Cincinnati this summer. Don't speak of it.

Mother and Mary went to Boyer's to

look for a chair for Father, this afternoon, he said he was not doing any thing, didn't expect to unless times got better, and had nothing to sell! I asked Uncle John about that bill; he took it, said he would go and see about furniture and if he said he had none, it would become a money debt, which he should pay or he would sue him. He would just like to see the knave any how. So it is in his hands. — I paid for my fence and a little inside work I had to have, today. The bill was \$19.84, which was smaller than I had feared it would be. The insurance was nearly \$65, making with the music bill \$92.84 which I paid out of the \$111.50 which Mr. Minnick sent. I have \$5.00 left, nearly out ^{of funds}, but Ogden says he will pay all or nearly all his note in a day or two, then I hope to pay all the remaining bills.

I spent the day with Lib today, it would

have been pleasanter if Little Mary had been less fretful. On my return I found Eliza and Lidy here. She said they were pretty well at Mr. Brady's but the doctor thought Mrs. Brady ought to lie down during a part of the day, which she has not been doing.

The washrag progressed finely yesterday and my new system works well with Lella. Has less effect on the boys.

Little Mary creeps a little and stretches a good deal so that she makes out to reach some things that she ought not to have. Her accomplishment is patting cakes, and we were much amused at her efforts to attract Mrs. Young's attention, a day or two since by displaying her art whenever she turned her head.

Father says Robert says, that you had better take the place, if you can get it, even if a low salary, which you can take

for what it is worth.

Uncle John says he knows of no one
to write to but Mr. Collins, and that he
has done; Robert and about two dozen
but told Mr. Chace that he could get
it if he would and he relied upon
him to do it. — Anne and Craighead
had not spoken to Uncle on the subject.

If you just knew what a confusion
I am in, with Betty clearing the table
the boys rushing round, and besides
Mother is holding Baby while I write
so I must hasten to say Goodbye
to my dear good Man. again begging
him not to set his heart on what
I fear will be a disappointment;
and to keep writing the dear
letters that are so very welcome to
Augusta.