

Best; as the frame is in the house, and she seems anxious to do instantly, still if you object on account of the expense do not hesitate to say so; I don't mind it. He considered when it is not quite right. I send you a most ridiculous newspaper article. Mrs. W. is sick, I think still in bed. Poor woman! but no more! I hope you have already told me about the fence, if not please do in your note. - What is Emma doing, and where is she living? Remember me to all friends. - I think May S. will make a better wife than you appear to. She offers much better than she is not with Jonathan. Love and kisses June 6. Thine lovingly Mary

if I had seen as clearly as I now can.

I saw a letter from Aunt Mary yesterday, asking advice about a Tombstone for Howard, she merely said the Doctor will do nothing in the matter, but what volumes that meant!

How much she would willingly give to possess one half the affection you lavish on me. Her children are good however, and on them she bestows the love that is not parted by her husband (?).

Our three little ones were just here to show me a pretty beetle, which Frank and Robby had found. I am very glad the two little boys play together so pleasantly now; they are really companions for each other.

True they are companions in mischief as often as anything else, but I ^{only} feared they would always contend instead of agree.

Robby did a funny thing while I was away last Friday; Betty found him entirely naked in the large trough of water that Mother keeps for her flowers! He said he

was swimming! Frank had not found him or I suppose he too would have been in, as they have both begged me to allow them to go in, very many times.

Lib had her strawberry party on Friday, which passed off pleasantly I believe. I went out late in the afternoon and arranged flowers and stemmed strawberries. Her supper was at nine o'clock, when I retreated to the kitchen and kept little Elliott company. Uncle John came out, and insisted that every body was inquiring for Mrs. Bruce; I gave him a lecture for talking so loud, and he ran off to tell Aunt Ann that a 'lady was in the kitchen who wished to see her.' Mart H. said she thought that as far as appearances were concerned I might as well be in the room as Mary VanArsdal!

I saw Robert when I went to invite him and Eliza to the party; he told me that he was going to start for Washington on Monday and rather expected to see you too.

He is going with some connection of his from
Mississippi, who says he was sent off for
being a Union man, and is trying to recover
his property. — For the first time, since my
return, I yesterday felt like working in the yard.
Father, Mother and I all worked, and it is
quite improved. My part was necessarily rather
small, for I am almost helpless in compari-
son with other times. The birth of our little
one will be a great relief to me on this account.
Mrs. Holt thinks I am much more cheerful
than ever before; I believe she is right. I will
try to be. — Write ^{as} often as possible. Dearest
I have had but one letter this last week,
am hoping for one to-morrow.

Col. Anderson resigned on account of ill health.
Strong took his place. I know very little about
any of the officers. — We had a letter from Howard
June 2nd. which relieved me of fears for him at
least for a time; he was still at Memphis.

I almost forgot to ~~ask~~ you about Sella's musical lessons.
Mrs. Gregg came to see me about it. She is trying to start
her youngest daughter in the world. The price is to be \$100.
I am almost tempted to try Sella one quarter at

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