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Dear Luther,

I arrived safely yesterday morning at four o'clock. — Father did not get down quite in time but I had no trouble in getting home.

It was the least fatiguing journey I have yet taken; partly owing to the kindness of a married gentleman who began by taking poor Rob in his arms to quit, after he had knocked his nose.

We were all standing in the aisle waiting for our beds to be made up and owing to the th short and frequent curves in the road, it was almost impossible to keep on our feet; it was owing to this that the little fellow got hurt.

This Mrs. Hodge was very kind to him,

and as I had heard him speaking ^{to a friend} of his wife as a good husband would, I was not afraid to allow him to be polite.

The next morning I heard him talking such good union talk to some other friends who were rather secret, that I felt entirely trustful in regard to him and very willingly accepted all the aid he proffered. Of course Rob received great attention, and I was relieved of him at each change of cars. Then at Cleveland Mr. H. sent off my despatch and went ahead in time to secure me a good berth. At Cushing he left us but there were no more changes to be made so I was helped through the journey as much as was needed.

Frank had been very sick with something like croup and still looks badly; Ella and Mary also, had been sick with severe colds. Mr. Brady has had something like Whooping cough, I think the same

kind of cold that prevailed in Ft. Hamilton a few months ago. - Young Corwin is quite sick with some disease of the larynx and they are very uneasy about him.

Mr. Brady brought the sisters down for a short call last evening and I delivered the photographs and little pictures which seemed to give pleasure and satisfaction. Peter does not know what Luther is doing and asked me if I did. Mary ^(B.) says she wishes you had asked him, and said her Mother was extremely anxious about him, being fearful that he was engaged in business with C. Green. Young G. is said to have made and be making a great deal of money; and that he has helped his Father; what the business is, I am unable to learn.

The Doctor has just been here to see Frank; his last visit undoubtedly, as the child is out again. - He says that Young is quite bright today, but that

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This recovery seemed doubtful for two or three days this week.

Mother says that she is sure that Aunt Ann thinks your picture was acknowledged. She was sick when it came and Uncle John only showed it to the family, without telling her that it was sent to her; this she discovered accidentally some days afterwards, and told Mother of it, seemingly very much pleased, and said she was very much obliged. She remarked to me that you must be looking well, judging from your picture.

Will is very thin yet, and to me looks badly but they say is much improved, indeed his life was despaired of for several days.

The riot was much more serious than we thought for, and caused great anxiety. Some copperhead, bold Ed. Davis, the Lovis, Cryer, Head, and a few others, that he did not wish to see them hurt, and therefore warned them of an intention to burn their houses, some sent their families away, and watched with a few

friends, and had guards stationed around their premises; others kept their families together and watched anxiously all night.

Robert Steele was also an obvious person on account of the "School badge" disturbance. Powell's house was seriously threatened, because the axe with which Vallandigham's doors were battered down, was perceived from him. Mrs. Powell was dangerously ill and had to be removed to the Parkers.

Tom Lewis' wife had just been confined and she had to be removed from the vicinity of the fire. Young Mrs. Winters said she supposed it was wicked, but she was not sorry to see the wind in that direction as she thought Tom ought to feel rather hot. - Haymies' shop has been fixed respectfully; There are but two or three loyal butchers, and their stalls are crowded with loyal purchasers; but occasionally begrimed with filth by enemies.

The arrest was quietly made with the exception of the noise made by the family. Mrs. V's screams aroused the neighborhood, and many gentlemen rushed to see what was to pay; they were stopt at the corner by the pickets and reason given, whereupon they agreed that it was right and went quietly home. — The riot occurred the next evening about dark. The Mayor disappeared at a convenient time to keep himself out of trouble, and had the impudence to go to the arresting officer ^{afterwards} and ask to have the leaders given into his hands, saying that he would have them punished and oblige them to keep the peace. This was of course refused, and he told that he could be held responsible for future outbreaks. — Mrs. John Love was standing at her door one evening, when a furious looking man shook a stick or knife at her and told her that their time would come next. There was trying scenes and ludicrous

ones too — I was amused at Abby Thorsman's trials with five women; he took his sisters; Lida and Emory, and I believe Aunt Ann to see the fire; and in their walk, (which by the way was rather a dangerous venture) they came upon the soldiers sent up from Cincinnati who had just arrived. ~~The~~ women thought they were going to fire upon them and all took hold of Abby at once, begging him to take them home; he lectured them soundly and would not do it till he got ready.

Lily was just in and said that a riot at Cincinnati is reported; I asked her to tell Uncle to tell me all about it for your benefit.

Uncle and Wilbur Conover have been talking with me at the fence; they know nothing certainly about Cincinnati or the Richmond report, but Uncle says he will let us know the news this evening, so I believe I will not close this till tomorrow morning. — Father says

give her love to you and say that she is very glad
to have us with her and wishes you two were
here. — Mary is looking very badly, and the
Doctor told her that she would soon rest finally if
she worked so hard. — We had a long letter from
Howard last night dated May 3rd. He was in fine
spirits and at Corinth to which place he had just
returned after a weeks excursion. They had been de-
stroying bridges and taking in contrabands at a good
rate. —

Evening — Father says there was no riot, in
Cincinnati; a crowd gathered, and a riot feared
only; a cannon was got^t taken out and was
preserved. — It was the Tallendigham case
that gathered the crowd.

The children are in bed; Frank has been
following Bessie Grace's example and is digging
a hole in the yard to go through to China.
Lophin Lowry was quite distressed because Bess
was going to China!

Mother is waiting to go up to the office with her
letter and mine — so Goodbye dearest One.

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