

If you can get the
insult that she
 ought to be any
 known wishes
 and not wait
 for orders, you
 will confer a
 blessing on me.
 as I always have
 to wait - that she
 shall do or not
 a thing before she
 will try.
 Good night and
 Good bye my
 dearest and best
 Mom.
 Angeline

You ask for a subject for Ellie's next letter. -
 Part of the family had
 gone to the Cantata tonight with Uncle John
 who invited us all, but I did not wish
 to go without the children. I mean to
 take them tomorrow evening; as to Robby
 I have some misgivings, as he is in the
 habit of going to sleep very early.
 We took Tea at Uncle's. Mother smuggled
 Baby over and the young people, with
 particularly, seemed to enjoy her com-
 pany, she staid quite contentedly with
 the chamber maid, and acquitted herself
 creditably. - This evening I took her
 up stairs, the boys were in bed, but
 full of mischief, as soon as she heard
 them she began to laugh aloud, and jumped
 at them, ready for a play

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Mr. Collins's letter was sent very ago. Can
 I return mine to send it.

Friday afternoon. — I ended with the Baby last night and begin with her today; for she pushed a chair before her and walked several steps today this morning. She needs much attention, but is as merry a little one as I ever saw. —

Robby is inclined to stay at home tonight but Lella and Frank are to go; the Cantata lasted till nearly eleven last night, and I dread it very much, being tired to begin with.

Aunt Mary caught sight of my letter and threatened to read my "love letter" I told her that I hadn't put any love in yet, so she bade me put in some for her when I got to that part.

She is much as usual, but sad at times; we are enjoying her visit, and were sorry to have her go to Uncle John's today; but hope to have her back in a few days.

Sam and Lil went down to Cincinnati

on Wednesday, and have not yet returned so we suppose that Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Perry are making it agreeable for them. Lella and Frank are bustling about 'dressing' for the Cantata, so I ~~suppose~~ little Mary will soon be awake; yet my ideas won't flow rapidly enough to finish soon and I am anxious to drop this in the office as we go to the Hall.

Uncle told me last night that John's Surinam had been paid, so he and Dr. Webster are both off, and the Dr. Webster also.

I still have a bill of \$45.00 at H.T. Harris & Co. Daniel's, and part of my coal bill.

I don't know how much Cyster's payment is, but suppose after all is paid up there will be little left. — I might have got about \$1.50 more for my coupons if I had sold them a little later, but I had already waited till some time beyond the day they were payable, and you advised me to sell them at the time, so a general thing.

Invention again the bill that Boye brings
in for pay \$12.00 for new bureau and re-
pairing old one; \$8.50 for office desk; \$4.00 ^{trunk} ^{trunk}
Please tell us as soon as possible about these items

Sunday afternoon — I have written,
as you see, some time to finish. for a
great many things happened, trivial in
their nature, but enough to keep me from
writing. We went to the Cantata, and were
tired enough; still I was somewhat amused
at Frank's wonderment; he got sleepy just
at the last, but was awake bright and early ^{the next morning},
and busily telling Rob all about it when
I awoke. — I have not been to Mr. Brady's
for a long time, but yesterday Mother sent me
down in the carriage to stay a couple of
hours while she and Aunt Mary rode out
to Lib's. Instead of staying two hours they
were gone three, so I was kept to dinner; I had
Baby and the two little boys ^{with me}; — Mrs. Brady
walks with much less difficulty than she did
but will very likely be imprudent and go out

of doors too much. — Luther has sent for
 Mart to visit him in Washington, and she
 is getting ready to start in a week or two,
 I think, with Mr. McDaniel. He however may
 be stopt on account of the severe illness of
 his youngest boy, who has been a great sufferer
 for a long long time with scurffle and Dumpy
 and is much worse now.

As to Mart you are much mistaken, it
 is to ~~be~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~, ~~that~~ ~~she~~ ~~is~~ ~~going~~
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Ally Husman has got into trouble —
 Evening — Having concluded to join the
 rest of the family at Lib's I laid aside
 my pen, and read to the children first.
 Then Mary and I walked out, leaving the
 little ones to Betty's care. They all promised
 good behavior, but didn't quite come up
 to the standard, pretty good however. One of

your heart's desire! I thought I say it with fear and trembling.

The boys told Father on his return that they had had a "Yankee dish for supper" and on inquiry as to what it was, the other said "Dutch Soup!"

We found all at dinner at Lib's. It was Elliott's birthday and I never saw him so noisy before. Everything he got he called his "birthday". He told his Grandfather "that he had a birthday with a hole in it" and wanted him to have a piece; you would never guess that he meant a cake, I suppose.

Loe Pierce, Mr. Davis and Russell ^{I don't know how it is spelled} were there, the two latter asked after you.

I began to tell you about Alvin Huesman I heard yesterday that he was said to have forged notes to the extent of \$30,000. In the evening I saw Uncle John and asked him about it. - He said he hoped he had not done so but could not tell. He claims to have been deceived by rascals who have forged, and says he

only negotiated sales for them believing all right. Johnson Perrine is a victim to the tune of \$30,000 if the thieves are not caught and made to refund.

One was arrested at Huesman's instigation last night. Perrine, Winters and some others wished Al. to go away quietly as they did not wish to prosecute him; but he swore that he had not been criminal and meant to see the thing through. - I hope for his Mother's and sisters' sakes that he can prove his innocence, but suppose it will be his ruin ^{within} as his honesty or his abilities as a lawyer must be questioned.

He has too much spending money for so young a man with his family to support. Uncle John told him plainly that his trouble was that he was a drunkard and a gambler. The first I had not supposed, but have heard before that he was a very expert gambler.

To turn to a more agreeable subject, I'll tell

you that your letters of the 9th and 11th came together, as you had supposed, and this morning the excitement of company had kept my spirits up till yesterday, when no letters, and a dread of the coming campaign caused me a bad fit of depression. Aunt Mary and Aunt Ann both grieved over me, it seems, and determined very kindly, to cheer me up if possible today, so Aunt Ann made me stay to dinner with her and as the children followed me one by one would insist on putting them up too: Aunt Mary charged her to keep me all afternoon, but when little Mary got sleepy I preferred taking her home, and after getting her quiet and the children read to, went as I said to Lib's. The kindness of all friends and the fresh air, have made me cheerful again; but I cannot promise a long continuance of good spirits, with that humble campaign in view. — It seems our efforts in your behalf were made too soon, why did you not tell us when and how you wished them made? I did not see your letters, but suppose you were not explicit on these points, to Uncle or Robert either, and certainly gathered from my letters that promptness was desirable. As to your scruples as to the right you have to this place till you have seen more service, you must be your own judges. — I have never felt that you were bound to enter the service at all, with the family you have, still more that you are in it if your honor is dear to me and I submit to