

to take them to Washington if they went there
to stay, which they still talk of doing.
Eliza was ~~here~~ here then or four evenings
ago; the walk fatigued her a great deal.
Mrs. Brady says she is glad on our accounts that
we are going, but can hardly bear it on her
own. If Eliza goes too I shall be very sorry
for her. — I think my dear, that I cannot do
without the machine, particularly if I stay
all Winter; I can pack it ^{partly} in my trunk and
partly in the box so that the freight will
not be so high. Now don't object, I really
will have to sew with my fingers if I do
not have it. The bills I shall have to
pay for sewing now, quite frighten me.
Then as the store is dispensed with you know
it cannot make so much difference! Mary
thought you were in earnest! She seems to
be afraid of those long daily rides, and I
fear will not avail herself of your kind offer.
What would her trips cost her? Much
obliged for the fragment of the Fort Pickens
flag; it is quite a valuable relic and I think
had better be snugly framed in pasteboard to
preserve it. — I begin to think I have more
friends than I thought. Several seem really inter-
ested in my plans. Mrs. Delguff seemed quite

I will close. She says she will go. Goodnight.

Must I bring your little portfolio, ^{which} ¹
now contains the Davis & Lundy notes? I see
there are some other valuable papers in it.
The Life Insurance policy I will send now.
Dayton O. Sunday Aug. 11th.
Monday - All well here. 1861

Well! my good fellow, it's done, and
although I have been thinking of this
journey so long, now that every thing is
settled about it, I am in the greatest
excitement to be off and get over the
bad part as soon as possible.
Settled I said, but Ernestine's part is not
yet so. I spoke to her yesterday and she
at first said yes: then she began to ask
about the size of the place, thought if it
was like the country she would not like
it; wondered if there was a Catholic
church &c. &c. Thought she would have to
think of the matter. After your letter came
last evening she thought she would go,
again, and today she has gone to her
brother's to talk over the matter.
Of course I cannot tell her much, I told
her that I should expect her to do much
as she does here, wash her own clothes and
the flannels and help me with the children

The rest of the washing and ironing should have done for her. That I might stay four months or eight.

You say you do not know whether there is a bedstead in the girl's room; I hope you will by all means see that there is one and don't get any old cracked thing full of vermin. I saw the other day at Lib's an iron bedstead that folded up like a towel-horse, I know this for and stand to dinner. - I've said nothing of the expense of such a one but was much pleased with it. - Then there are those camp cots that are very good and cheap I prefer them very much to the kind C. has at home. She does not like to leave Robby and I rather think will go. No telling though.

If she does go, I shall not wait for company, but will select some train that does not change at night and start about Wednesday or Thursday of next week, and will give you notice by telegraph.

If you should conclude to meet us some where, remember, do remember, that we shall all have on new 'store clothes' and as you may not be dressed as I used to see you, it might chance to happen that we would not recognise each other!! Come to think of it

Frank and Robert will have the hats you once knew, unless indeed they should happen to lose them in the meantime. - I shall

be a gay woman, instead of Brown unless my cloak is found necessary. Prof cut, you certainly will see that - it will be necessary to keep a sharp look out.

Afternoon - Lib came in when I had written he had received his powder, but no bill - I forgot to mention that he came home Tuesday or Wednesday bringing the Schenck girls with him; he took them out also!! Their father did not go out at all.

I have put the business into Uncle John's hands. He has not yet been successful about the first check; Davis promises but will not perform. - Quincy offered his services in any way, and if you say so will attend to the office removal, he says his Father told him to see if you were willing to part with your books, and he would probably like to buy them. Answer this particular early. - Perhaps it would be well enough to let them all go together to his house and leave the question open as to the purchase Quincy however spoke as if his Father wished

affected, said she was very sorry we were going away, but thought it was all right.

She seems to feel very badly about her own situation, but thinks there is no prospect of better times till next Spring at least. — Here Robby waked, I went to him leaving my letter in the library, two or three minutes after I left him with the children and went down for some water, found them all in your room and he amusing himself with the pen and ink, writing over my letter. Della called to me and he kept the pen making the beautiful blot you see on the other sheet. I hope you will like his part of the letter better than I do.

Gilding Louny says he thinks the pleasantest route for me would be to take the night Train to Pittsburgh, change cars there in the afternoon, take the sleeping cars and not change again till we got to Philadelphia. Could you meet me there if I conclude to do this?

I intend however to leave this matter to your Mother and Father and will let

you know the result. — Mart-Holt said
she wanted ^{Mary and} me to come and take Tea
with her tomorrow, as she was afraid I
would think I could not come at all
if I put it off too late. — If Robby is
(he is not apparently ill)
well enough I will go. — Mrs Brady wanted
me to come to spend a day, but I am
afraid I cannot spare so long a time.
Lil too, but I think I shall go there
next-Sunday. I don't like to be in
so much haste as to give them so little
time, but if I had not concluded that
the machine would have to visit Fort-Ham-
ilton, I should have no time at all.

We have come to the conclusion to take up
the parlor carpet and pack the small
articles and pictures. Mother thinks
they had better wait about coming down
at least till we know a little more about
what is likely to be done. — Please send me
any directions about my travelling, checks,
money &c. that you may think useful,
especially just before arriving at New York
and afterwards too, in case some accident
should prevent your meeting me there or before.
Must the direction on the box have Ft-Hamilton
as well as No 33 Broadway New York City?