

The said her letters kept coming, and so one night while out milking "I concluded to come. The 'orders' told him to go to New York, ^{to get uniform} so that he would probably have been there now had he remained at home instead of coming here. He may yet go, though he says that through Jerry's kindness the uniform was ready for him on his arrival here. (He paid the bill.)

I hope your coat, shirt, pillow case, Army Register and two papers, ~~sent~~ ^{sent} gone this morning, and will be all right. — William Talle's death, July 10th, is announced in the Commercial of today. — Mother is quite sick tonight, but I hope it is more painful than dangerous.

I have written enough for tonight, but will write more to-morrow, and probably send it. Good night my dear, dear husband.

Augusta

Friday night — We have had much rain and a consequent change in the air, which makes a fine pleasant; so having put the children to bed, I am down by the dining-room grate warming myself and writing to you. — The clock strikes nine so that little more than an hour can be allowed to you, for I need rest.

This morning was mostly devoted to gathering

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Dear Husband,

There is nearly an hour yet till bed time, so I will begin a letter to you.

Ellen and I have been out to the Picnic all day. If Mart had not gone I should I think have begged off; as it seemed like going among strangers. — As it turned out I am very glad I went; all seemed kind and agreeable many expressed themselves glad that I had come, advising me to keep myself from brooding over my loss by going out as often as possible. This I shall do to a certain extent, but not to neglect home duties. — I was much surprised to find Eleanor and Susan at the Picnic. Ella expected to ^{return home} go some time ago but seems to find it pleasant to stay. — The girls told me that Eliza had had another attack, similar to the one of last week, but more severe, she was better yesterday, but had exerted herself too much, and was worse

again today. On coming home I found Mary Brady, she said her Mother told her to let me know about Eliza, and that she felt uneasy about her. I went down immediately, and found her suffering bodily and very much depressed. She seems to think the frost is caused by falling of the bomb. - Quincy had written that he was doing nothing and could come home if she wanted him to, but would stay unless she did. - I found she was anxious to write to him and request him to come unless it was making too great a sacrifice, but was quite unable to do it or to get it done, so I did it for her, directed the letter and Mrs. Brady was to send it to the Office. Both sisters enquired affectionately for you, and Eliza wanted me to tell Quincy where you were. Send some brotherly message to them when next you write both will like it; and Eliza needs all the cheering things possible. I fear Susan gives her much anxiety; her bad companion was again with her today, though the girls say that she became angry and left them early.

Do you remember a letter that Sallie Thomas wrote me, in which she mentioned the coming of the Greys, and wanted me to call upon them? It slipped my mind for a while and then I thought the church people would take them up and so did not call at all. Today I met them at the Pic-Nic, and was introduced; finding them quite pleasant, and considered very intelligent I ventured upon making myself farther known to them by mentioning Sallie's name, and you should have seen how delighted they were; first the mother and then the two daughters, to whom she took me as soon as possible, Mrs. Gregg said that it was but the other day that the oldest daughter had said she did wish they knew the name of Mrs. Thomas's friend. So now I will call and make myself agreeable while here.

I saw Joe Crane tonight; he thought it probable that he might see you. He said he missed his orders by coming here, as Mrs. Schenck kept urging him to do least the place might be lost by his delay.

Ernestine asked me if I was writing to you, and says I must give her love to you, too. - Now then, you have it. You had better send some kind message to her, it would do her some good I think. Poor thing she is in trouble any how. The new sisters and Rhoda seem to think she ought to spend her money on the new comers; and because she has not already done it have abused her sadly. she says, and I believe it, that she would have given them some if they had not been so ugly with her. They will never be content to stay in their places so long as they can run to her for assistance, and I would not spend much on them either; one at least is very heartless I am sure.

Rhoda has just come in; he says it was Rosencrutz at Rosering ~~XXX~~ ^{Runy}, instead of Mr. Ollend at Laurel Hill; there are great reports about the latter too, but not thought to be true. - Oh! for more victories, right off, quick, immediately!

None to morrow perhaps. Nothing in the paper to send you. Good night Dear Father.

up necessities for the family; my errands came too, so the jelly was to make then I made some sheets, and had Eleanor to Tea with me to close the day. She thinks she will certainly leave tomorrow, and says she would have done so before. But for Eliza's illness; the children mind her better than any one else she thinks when their Mother is not there. Eliza is better.

There was a paragraph in yesterday's Gazette saying that Robert had desired some one appointed in his place; this evening Mr. Brady came (for the Office key to get something of Robert's), and I asked him the meaning of it; he said that R. had written some time since to Eliza, saying that he would resign in Mr. Brady's favor; both had considered it so much "gas" and thought nothing more of it till this newspaper announcement came to light; but they know nothing about it further than that

Albion Thomson (I don't know how to spell
either name) asked me yesterday what you
were going to do with your Office fur-
niture and Law books, & I told ^{him} you did
not know any thing about what arrange-
ments would be made when you left, but
expected to return and settle all before
long. He said he might like to
take all; and, that you had a Notarial
Seal which he thought you would not
want again, even if you resumed the
practice of Law. I promised to tell
you, and hope you will not forget
to answer me for his benefit.

Uncle John tells me that Mr. Clifton has
taken Laurel Hill; but we have none
of the particulars yet. I hope this to be
followed up by rapid work with the
barrows, in many, many accounts, you can
guess me, for I am no brave wife for a
brave soldier. Yet I think I have
much more courage than I thought my-
self to possess; since I am tried this
last time. I don't believe I would be
afraid to go into a Fort provided you were

there; but I confess to considerable enmities
about fire arms, and the noise of guns
is exceedingly unpleasant to me, as it is
to Bella also. — Find out every thing
you can about our wants, if we should
go on awhile. When you think of any
thing make a note of it and transmit
it to me in the next letter. There are
many things I do not wish to get if we
are to stay quietly at home, which would
be necessary if we go away, consequently
let us know your arrangements as early as
possible.

Howard and his party returned this morn-
ing after an absence of a week. He says
that has rained night and day for
some time and they could do but little
for it. He was in favor of trying it
a little longer in hopes of better weather,
but was voted down. He thinks there
was not quite enough stamina in the
set; the first party he is sure would
have turned out better; he acknowledges
however that the rain made it unpleasant
and says everything else was enjoyed.
By all

Saturday Afternoon. — I have not closed yet but have but little more to say.

Robby is pointing to my paper and enquiring "Papa, write?". He dravls worse than ever. — Frank has called out to me

several mornings in succession, the first thing after waking, "Papa home?"

It will ^{be} a joyful meeting for all of us when the time comes. I hope we can be with you, but am trying to prepare myself for disappointment.

But I want to be well provided in every way if we do go, and must rely upon you for information as to our probable wants. — Now we shall have, conveniences for washing clothes &c. &c.

Have you written to the Bank yet about my right to draw money. I shall soon need more, but do not like to go or send for it while they have the least doubt about it. — Uncle John said Davis promised to attend to that business this morning but I have not heard from it yet.

The had not seen the other parties, and I
am afraid will not soon, for he seems to
forget everything these days. Mother notices this
too; says he does not seem to hear what she is
saying, but it seems to make him angry to notice
it. I hope you can soon be at home to
settle up your own business. — Did you
tell the preacher to pay up monthly?
Here comes Rob with his questions again, and the
children are as noisy as possible; I am
hoping to get a letter from you to night
and so shall write no more till that
is here to be answered. Frank says tell
you to come home, and beg him a large
dog to set on all the bad boys that come.
Sella too says come home. Love from all
and very much from you
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