

Watch Hill House

Monday, 7 July

My dear wife,

I have only today gotten your first letter of the 3rd in which you sent to Stonington tho' I have rec'd your cards [text faded] Saturday the 5th [text faded] glad to hear that you are [text faded] again & that [text faded] night. I miss you [text faded] so much & shall give [text faded] most hearty welcome when [text faded] ready to come. We are very comfortably fixed [text faded]. The hotel & [text faded] is perfect [text faded]. The carriage came all right [text missing] seems to get along very well [text missing] the children but is kept [text faded] as she has to take both [text faded] to meals as Syd has taken to crying furiously if left to me & I have had [in despair?] to go and call her so now she trys [sic] to take both [text faded] for today [text faded]. Ivey [?] has begun to [text faded] his great charm of [text faded], but I suppose his teeth [text faded] trouble now.

We are all [text faded] to take you to [text faded] to the sayings of people [text faded] to make out my [text faded] children just as we [text faded]. The hotel will be full by the [text faded] which I did. [text faded] said if I would [text faded] days [sic] notice – 3 or 4 – [text faded] he could arrange [text faded] to accommodate her – so be [text faded] no warning [text faded] --

I read with sad [text faded] of dear Miss Carrie [text faded] it must have been – [text faded] separation to leave the little children [text faded] happiness – alas [text faded]. I have known that to be [text faded] the useless & weak [text faded] special & their most needed & whose lives are most [text faded] are called – to our dim eyes [text faded] all a dark unsolvable [words faded] & no doubt [words faded] reason. I fear [text faded] even be worse [text faded]. Poor Carson [text faded] & the children are [text faded] the place & I fear not as usual – poor young [text faded] to miss [text faded] to miss any body & the world is all [text missing] to them.

You can send me the [text faded] certain check for [text faded]. Also ask Frank to get [text faded] at the office and get any letters [text faded] which you can also send [text faded] Gazette and anything also of interest. I think you will [text of rest of page faded].

[text faded] in the water generally [text faded] up to the knees or a little below [text faded] showing a well-turned ankle, etc.

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We had no preacher & [text faded] church yesterday. This is proof of the place for Dr. [Eclentre?] tell [text faded] to rid of his high fever.

I today gave our wash to a very nice woman until you come. [Text faded] I told her that you must [text faded] you came and I would only [text faded] – 3 days and 3 [text faded].

It looks like rain today. The [?] comes on 15th & steamboat begins tomorrow -- & all go by sail boat to Stonington [?] [?] and got your letters to S this morning.

Goodbye dear Loulie – love to Aunt Sidney & kisses to our dear boys – kind regards to the Dr., Frank & Willie.

Your loving husband

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