

Annapolis 8 July 1873

My dearest wife,

I have just received your welcome letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst & am much gratified at the success & interest you manifest in your last two letters that we should not be too long separated – indeed I do not think I can spare you very much longer – tho’ of course we must yield to circumstances when no other course is open. I have not heard a word from Mr. Parker since he wrote from Cin<sup>ti</sup> on last Monday a week – but I suppose he will reach Guelph Canada where his family is by the coming Saturday as he expected to be through the business part of his trip by that time. I expect any day to hear from him & learn about what time he will be back & what success he has had in the West generally. I think I can pretty safely say that if I continue well, that I will go to Lake George for two or three weeks starting about 20<sup>th</sup>. If I do not feel well or as I did at that time last summer, I think [?] will be the best place for me. I think you & dear Dody will enjoy it greatly. I have written to see if we can get rooms. I will stop a day a day en route at Oxford to see the family & hear accounts of their foreign trip. I will bring the cans on to S I when I go, as that will be time enough. A party in NY has bought some of our goods to ship to Australia by one of Mr. Cameron’s vessels. Our orders are coming in so rapidly now that I don’t think we will have any 1 pounds to send to Australia—but we would like to try a small shipment of 2 lb cans. “Midship.”

I wonder how Henny Theriot looked & how matrimony seemed to agree with her when you saw her. I wonder if Mrs. Muney goes to Europe this month as she intended & whether she or Mrs. Mead will be at Lake George.

I am glad dear Dody is getting on well & hope he does not give your Mother too much trouble – please make him practice his music regularly & my dear wife I want you to use your legitimate authority with him. Authority when mangled with gentleness & interest will soon win his regard & affection for all time I hope.

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I have not much news here—spent Sunday evening at Kervianes – so cool that I had to throw a plush coat over my shoulders sitting on their piazza at night. Went on a moonlight row last night with a party – out till 11 oclock [sic] & scene on harbor lovely.

Mrs. Smithgale will be back 1 Aug. Mrs. Magruder says she has known about your state all time & would have been glad to talk with you but feared you might not like it. I thinks Mrs. Southgate, Schlay & Murray come off very soon.

But I must stop with much love to you & Dody & all.

Your affectionate husband

J Buck Henry

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