

Annapolis, Saturday

My darling wife,

I shall only have time to write you a little letter this morning as I happen to have a great many things to attend to.

I got your Aunts letter this morning assuring me that all is going on well at which I greatly rejoice & shall expect to see the dear baby & yourself looking in very good order when I arrive about the 20th. I suppose he is a little larger & of a better color than when I last saw the little boy.

I wrote a letter to Miss [?] yesterday & enclosed the promised photograph of which believe you have a copy (Kuntz) & the only one I had. Don[']t forget about the painted picture as [rest of line illegible] are strong enough to [?] the [?].

We have no great news – the German of [?] Parker was very successful & Jessie stayed until 3 o'clock & says it was very pleasant. Today the officers give a dancing Matinée -- [rest of line unclear] for you & myself but I have not given to any of them Last night I went to see Miss McKenzie & like her very much – she inquired very kindly for you. Yesterday I went across the harbor with my gun and got a rabbit & partridge but having no dog could not expect to do much. We had the rabbit for breakfast. I send you a paper sent to me from Orvis who kept the St. James at Jacksonville I wrote him a note part of which is published – but only part as I pitched into both St. [?] & Jacksonville a little. The weather is charming [?] cool.

The Pause has in effect killed business for us – few orders come & when they do we don't dare fill them for fear of never getting paid. This is going to be a terrible winter I fear all around & much suffering. I don't think we will do much of anything until after 1 Jan next when I hope credit will [unreadable] the country go on prosperity.

Goodbye darling -- kisses for the baby – Your loving husband,

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