

Annapolis Saturday

My darling little wife,

I have just received your dear letter postmarked 7th day before yesterday a long time coming. I was glad to see that are getting better surely tho' slowly, [?] that are & exercise will give you plenty of milk for the dear little boy. I was much [?] what you tell me about him. I shall expect to find him much larger – You must tell me all about him as regard to any change of appearance. I think he will have dark eyes in a few months, & look generally like you, which will please me much.

I had a letter last night from Currituck by which it appears that we much start from here next Wednesday, for which I am sorry as I wished to stay over Thursday for the amateur theatrical, which I shall be very sorry indeed to miss as all think they will be a great success. I suppose Mr. Randall & Mr. McIlvain & possibly Randy Hagner will constitute one part. I suppose I shall stay one week & then take a steamer from Norfolk for Hertford.

I had a very nice letter from Miss Susie this morning thanking me for an [word faded]. I [word faded] they stay with [part missing] for at least a few days. She is such a nice girl.

I[t] rained & blew all day yesterday from the North-East & is disagreeable this morning and the weather report clearing off this evening with cold.

I am impressing every lady I meet into our service to find us a nurse & hope I may succeed, tho' as yet I have heard of no one, but in a few days I may have a better report to make to you.

I fear with you, that a S I woman would get house sick & unless she was a person you were well acquainted with it would be hazardous to bring her on – still we much be guided by circumstances & do the best we can – I hope Elizabeth may go & see [two words faded] the difficulty for us, but I would only take a person that she could highly recommend from her own knowledge. The Times often has [word faded] of ladies seeking places for some good faithful servant. Perhaps you might come across [piece missing] it a later look at the [piece missing]. [???] yourself darling about [Luefflears?] [?] come over as you will not be staying [?] I fear to undertake such in New York -- there will be time enough for 1 or 2 settings – you might however have an interview with Miss Daly & get her to arrange so that no time will be lost there.

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I am glad you heard from Cousin Annie & that poor Alice is better & I trust she may, with Harriet or one of them, be able to visit us some time this winter.

[?] look terribly gloomy & lowering in [?] & elsewhere & I fear it will be a terrible winter for the poor. How thankful we ought to be that we have no wolf gnawing at the door – that God as yet?

We are putting up nothing & be sure [?] us pretty well arrested but I hope that after Mr. [Gears] there will be a revival. Mr. Parker is very gloomy and things generally are not very pleasant.

[?] [part missing] are here at Mrs. Harrison's [part missing] whatever his good wishes.

They have a great deal of gaiety at the Academy but have not been able to attract any of it.

Goodbye my darling wife

Your aff husband

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