

Stapleton, Wednesday 12th

My dearest husband

I received your welcome letter of Monday yesterday, and am sorry that mine are so long in reaching your as I have written regularly since I began. When I wrote on Monday I thought there would not be time for another letter to get to you before you left but now perhaps there will be time for me to write once after this. I hope you wont [sic] sleep as soundly next Sunday morning as we did that day last Winter. I am glad you wont [sic] have to miss the theatricals as you will enjoy them [three words crossed out].

I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Magruder's accident, I am afraid if it is a bad sprain she will be confined to the bed for a long time, but perhaps it will not pose as serious as you fear. Give a great deal of love to her and tell her how sorry I was to hear of it.

Now I expect you will want to hear about me, and I am so glad to be able to tell you that I think I have gained a good deal of strength within a few days. I hav'nt [sic] been down stairs yet, but I keep hoping to go every day though I suppose I dont [sic] lose anything by giving on gradually, everyone says it will be so much better for me in the end. The milk punch and cocoa seem to agree very well with me for I have a good deal more milk than I had. The baby grows nicely, sleeps very well and has an excellent appetite, he makes himself heard all over the house when he is hungry and when he has enough shuts his mouth so that it will be hard to open it.

Mrs. Prunnett was here yesterday and left her love for you. Annie was with her, she seems much interested in the little Henry baby as she calls it and likes to come and see him. Mrs. P. says that Mrs. Parker is going to spend the Winter in Canada, she hears.

Elizabeth came down on Monday after I had sent my letter. I am afraid we cant [sic] depend much upon her to find a nurse, she says she would have advertised as soon as she got Bridget's letter but she knows a nice woman would go to such a neighborhood to answer an advertisement you know it is a bad street. She said she did'nt [sic] know of a girl who as recommended by someone. She knew and came to tell me and see if I would like to see the person. I told her if she would see her and talk to her and thought she would suit I would like have her come down, but Elizabeth did not [?] this woman herself. Yesterday there came a girl to see from Elizabeth, she met her on the boat as she was going from here, liked her looks and so sent her to see me, I did'nt [sic] think she



would do at all and sent word to Elizabeth, that she might still be on the lookout for some one. This girl was only 19, had been in America but a month and had lived during that time with Miss Outerbridge who gave her a recommendation saying she believed her to be honest and good tempered and that was all the reference she had, of course, she was as great a stranger to Elizabeth as to me, so I gave her up at once. I have not heard anything more of the woman. Elizabeth came to tell me about. The more I think of it, the more anxious I feel for you to get someone in Annapolis, even if only for the Winter. If I was going to stay here a long time after taking a nurse so that I could get well acquainted with her it would'nt [sic] be so bad but I dread taking a woman with the probability of her wanting to leave us in a little while, then too I think from your letter that you will be likely to find a [?] a hardly known what today about a black woman. You know I am not very fond of them. If you could find a nice looking light colored woman, I would not mind so much, but I dont [sic] I could stand one of these great big, black women.

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