

My darling husband,

I am a good deal less homesick today. I will tell you right away in case my last letter made you a little [?] I was afraid at night, after I sent it but I felt uncomfortable as if I must go home, the [?] & Mary's behavior made me so less comfortable about leaving the house & I felt ill at ease with Mr. [Prunett?] & his aunt, but I feel better acquainted with both now & am altogether more comfortable but state I much prefer going home about Labor day if you are willing & getting Condini to sleep more if I am afraid [?] getting the house in nice order & my pickles made, [?] afraid it will be too late if I wait much longer, & then for you to stay a few days longer & not hurry home as you would have to do if I were to wait here. Mary & Mr. Prunett are coming over to make us a visit very soon so you will see them. It seems a pity when you have the holiday & want to paint your picture not to have the enjoyment of it, & so let me do that & then you can stay for a while longer. Please order plenty of the potatoes to be sent down to us, we have such a nice place in that cellar to keep them, & order one more barrel than necessary. I send them to Mary Esker. If you can get apples & butter cheap for the winter you better do it & have them sent down at the same time as the additional freight would be very little. Don't forget the maple syrup. Bucky is very well & sweet he has improved I think these last few days very much he says by-by very distinctly & Papa & kisses his hand & smacks his lips to kiss you, he will soon walk I am trying all the time but he seems so fearful of falling.

Mary Esker & I have some nice long letters. She is so much improved since her marriage & Mr. Pannel & she seem devoted to each other. They are pleasantly situated here & the people seem so fond of them but I believe they would come to Staten Island & what a [?] for the parish that would be. I have talked to Mary Esker about it but have told her of all the disagreeables & that we hadn't the best influences being here could be have much delight it would give us if such a thing were possible.

We went to church yesterday. I was so pleased with Mr. Pannel. Not a wonderful sermon in way of [?] but so earnest & impressive & sweet & [?]. I was very much pleased with him.

I hope Bridget & Annie will take care of the grapes till we get home. I expect they will make violent love to them, so as they only have us some I will be quite contented. I intend to write to Henry Guy soon.

I write you such careless looking letters I am quite ashamed but you much forgive them for half the time Bucky is pulling at time & sometimes interrupting—

I hope to get a nice long letter this evening from you,. Warmest [?] love for you.

Your devoted wife

Mary –

What do you think of that dance of a Scharff sending one of Aunt Lue's letters over a letter from Virginia [addressed ?] to your care, as if he didn't know Uncle Peter was at the 5th Avenue. I haven't [sic] any patience with such [?], it was Sunday night I got it so the poor thing was kept ever so long out of it.

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