

Annapolis
Tuesday

My dear wife,

I have duly received this morning your nice long letter which was ever so welcome. Tho' I was sorry to find that you had been a little unwell, but I can't think these little tunes can hurt you and think you are very strong and well all things considered.

I have little or no news. We are all more or less excited over the financial news and troubles in New York and our orders have all come to a standstill on the present as I suppose everybody is afraid to buy or sell or become indebted in the present. We are getting few tomatoes and less peaches in fact the peaches may be said to be over and tomatoes are so scarce that we cannot expect to get many in competition with the high Balto prices. So we are not in a good humor generally down at the Packing House.

Last night Jessie made a long visit to the Parkers where Miss Fanny Donaldson and Miss Parker are visiting & Mr. E W Parker & and I went to see Mrs. Southgate where of course Mr. P and I got into one of our endless discussions about Rationalism and so we stayed until after 10. Mr. S had gone to Balto County to put that funny little Will to school.

We have had no frost yet altho it has been quite cold but today it is warmish and I think we shall have a period of mild weather.

I am glad you see a good deal of Miss Susie and trust you will succeed in getting a first rate picture at Loeffler[*]s --

Mr. Parker has not yet done much about getting a house tho' he talks about it constantly. I told him that I had heard that Mrs. P did not want to go to housekeeping in Annapolis. He says she will not go to the hotel and that he will have a house -- so the authorities do not agree. He has not yet told me when Mrs. P will arrive and only says she is still in London getting her outfit of clothing. I shall be glad when she comes, because I think he will be more settled and she will be company for Jessie, who however seems very gay and contented tho' I can only be at home in the mornings until 9^{1/2} and in the evenings.

I suppose my dear wife that in ten days or thereabouts I shall hear that I had better go on -- and I shall be so glad to see you again my sweet Lulie.

Tell Miss Sidney that I found her coffee the best and I think I will get some when I am over at L. Island.

The ship has not come in yet and I understand that she is not at expected before the 29th.

Goodbye darling,

Your aff husband
JBH

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