

Annapolis, Tuesday

My darling wife,

I received this morning your ever welcome letter of Sunday & am glad to hear that you are well & are enjoying yourself. I suppose you are getting the things ready for the little "stranger" that is to take up her or his abode with us in October God willing. I need not tell you with what sweet interest I regard the prospect which will draw us I trust closer & closer to each other & make our little home the center of our thoughts and sweetly affections. There is nothing like having a baby in the house with all its exactions upon our patience industry & love to make married people truly happy.

Mr. Parker was with me nearly every day but he starts for the west the end of this week. Then I will be entirely alone but I will try and get along as he goes on duty.

There is not much news of any kind here. The Hermans go to Burlington, NJ to stay until after the 4th.at Bishop[O' ?]. There is to be some exhibition at the College, the new Gershing house is being put up at the foot of the street where Gen[']l Gettings and Miss Wells live. A number of new officers have arrived & nice ones, notably Cap. Breese who takes Cap. Custuss place , as Com'dt of Mids. Our friend Cap. Greer is to command the Tigress in the polar expedition & his wife will live here. She is in despair and thinks he will never return. The Packing House is old [?], & clean and we are putting up a fence & leveling up the yard. We will not put up peas & therefore nothing until 12 Aug. I have no idea how long Mr. P. will be gone. I send you the papers referring to you at the Ball. I don[']t know who wrote it.

I have been well for the past few days & am today staying in the house – my sight was so little affected last night as you saw it but I think the Dr. will [?]. One all night and a day or two – the heat of last week [?] affected my departure [?] for two nights [word unreadable] here had God pain in the head.

To hear Morgan takes his breakfast generally with me a full room but has the carpet taken up and curtains of cool.

I need not tell you my dear wife that I miss your ever, dear buy every necessity. Good bye, your loving, ever affectionate husband.

JBH

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