

Stapleton, Aug. 18th

My dear Husband

I received your card Saturday and was rather surprised to find you would not be at Newport for a day or two, You will find quite a budget of letters and cards, as I suppose you have not heard from me since I sent that telegram. I am glad you are enjoying your cruise and hope you will have a pleasant time after all, although in a different way from what you expected. I have not a great deal to tell you of us here, we are going on a usual, the Doctor says Pa is doing as well as he possibly can, but he does'nt [sic] appear much better, he is getting so tired of being in bed and I think is worried about himself. I see so very little of him now, for he seems to want to be perfectly [sic] quiet, the nurse sleeps in the room, so that he is always there, and I only go in for a few minutes, of course it is a relief to me, for before I felt all the responsibility of the nursing the day. Aunt Sidney is about the same, but often very low spirited, she still has the same idea about our not caring for her, and taking no interest in her. I will be very glad when Belle comes, it will be very nice to have some cheerful person about to speak to, Frank is out all the time and you may imagine it is not very cheerful sitting in Aunt Sidney's room, now that she has these ideas, for it is hard to know how to act not to offend here. Susie has been over every day since you left except Sundays and last Saturday which was very stormy, she was to come today but it is still raining and I am afraid she wont [sic] be able to, it as been very nice for me to have her. We see very little of Frank within the last few days he has had two cases of confinement, one kept him all day, they are both nice families so you see he dont [sic] seem to be losing any of Pa's patients but he says all the work he can do wont [sic] support all the different establishments. He has engaged Mr. Heutgen at \$8.00 a week to straighten up the Gazette affairs, and he thinks it will take about three weeks, he says the books were not kept up at all. Mr. H. wants the contract between Pa & Parsons & said he thought you had it. I did not think so, but told Frank I would ask you so please let me know.

The children all very well, the baby is teething but it does'nt [sic] seem to affect him at all, he is just as good as ever, Miss Kellogg's boarders & the people in the next house think them wonderfully good children, even Robby seems to have gotten over his propensity to cry, in a great measure, & the baby, they say they never hear. I spoke to Miss K. about how she would like to have the money & she said she would like it every week, as she has very little coming in, perhaps you had better send me a check to her

order, her name is Hannah & you might as well send \$50 for the two weeks will be up on Thursday & it wont [sic] reach me before then. I wish you would send me \$10 for myself. You know 4 of the ten you gave me was already spent & the other 6 appropriated, now I want to pay Amelia & this weeks [sic] washing & as that will be over 5 you might as will send it & then I will have it for next week & will not have to bother you again, very soon.

With love to Dody & hoping soon to have a letter instead of a card.

I am your loving wife

Loulie



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I am afraid if you saw yesterday's Herald you will have a scare about the yellow fever, I heard there was an article in it about yellow fever on the Island, there was not a word in the "World" & I haven't [sic] heard of anyone who was at all alarmed. I am sure I am not. It was a child recently come from Havana, & I believe it has been taken away. Frank tried to get the Herald but did not succeed. I suppose they made out there was quite a panic.

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