

My dearest husband,

I was so delighted to hear of of [sic] save arrival in New York by your note this morning.

I feel pretty well except a sore pain in my shoulder. I fear I have taken a wee bit of cold & it is rheumatism but I have had it rubbed & will soon be well. The Dr. has not been here today. I have eaten pretty well. Mama has sent to the bar for two classes of Maderia [sic] wine so you must soon send that box. If you haven't already sent it, please get from Mr. Despend a box prepared beef tea, it is made for the army by the man who keeps the Maison Dorie, & and as I can't get any here it would be fine to have it & heal up a little. I went to town yesterday but I fell some oppression of my lungs all day. Miss Kavendish is disagreeable. The change in the weather was so sudden last night. Don't think of it as it will be well before tomorrow & you will be [?] to hear immediately, if I am any worse. The baby & Elizabeth are well. Will you drop a line to the Catters [sic] Sister signed by Elizabeth saying she is here & well & would like to hear from them & that I am better &c. I am too tired to write for her. Tell them to [?] to your office (139 Cherry, Mrs. Mark.) Do it at your leisure. She says she is enjoying herself very much indeed enlarge on that.

Every body [sic] is as kind as possible but my heart is vain for someone but I bear it better than I expected. Mrs. Van Buren prescribes for me & says it is [?] that I am not taking iron & quinine. Ask Dr. Anderson he knows my constitution best & I don't get any stronger, I think.

I am in good spirits & feel pretty comfortable but I tell you all so you can feel quite easy.

We have had no new arrivals but there is a mysterious couple in the house who never come down stairs till after night & then go out in a carriage, never eat a meal at the table; quite a talk.

Haven't I told you all the gossip! Mama is very well & sends her love. Good bye darling tenderest love for you. Take care of yourself & never fail to write.

Your devoted wife

MHH

I hope you will be able to read it.

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