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My Love

I propose to rejoice your eyes, by the sight of a short letter in a day or two. I have delayed your letter probably to day. It is now nearly ten o'clock. I walked down to Concord wit Bay yesterday, and am enabled to write out today. Therefore I intend to give you only a short letter tonight. Last night if I had seen I speak just here of that bracelet I bought a clasp, plain gold, heavy and rich, - I think, though not very large. I have engaged for Bridalins at the very best place in the city. I did not select a very showy pattern for the braid, but it will be heavy, very strong and firm, not liable to fray or flatten, & to say unaided altogether the most fitting for such a memorial. I consider it more of a memento than ornament, though the style of the braid is such as to always seem rich & tasteful, whatever

ever may be the particular style in vogue. I am afraid you will think I have been extravagant though. I was left so wholly to my discretion however that I had to do the best I could. The clasp and braid will cost \$8.50, viz clasp \$5.25, braid \$3.25. I might have got cheaper braid, but it would have lacked the qualities which I chiefly sought. I might have procured a cheaper clasp, but it would have been a flimsy, washed concern which I did not suppose you would want, at least I never wish to see you wear such an one. I ordered it made a little longer than you directed. If it should be too long a sissors will shorten it, if too short it could not be lengthened. I was very grateful for your letter of Friday night. I cannot now tell you the cause or nature of my trouble, because, I do not think it best. You evidently think it much worse than it apparently was. I have no doubt that it would have resulted in your wisdom had not in the way you imagine.

There is yet a deep agony twist about my meditations, and I dare not yet trust myself to write to a friend.

The events of the next few weeks may give you some surprise, my dear, they may give you a twinge of disappointment, for a moment. I hope nothing more. What I more than suspect may, however, not occur. I hardly know whether I wish it to come or not. I have been bracing myself for it for a week, & do not expect to fret if it come, if it does not I suppose I shall be grateful, but have tried so much to convince myself that it is that it should come, that I am not quite sure but I believe it. — I won't talk in riddles any more. And so very Love your tell. Miss J — that I don't come down to you. If you are not careful I shall take the liberty to disprove your words and make a visit to my friends in that quiet and serene village. Then I guess you would wish your refusal had not been so co-operative. As to Miss B — I am

glad I am to have in her another
warm friend. I was almost
tempted to come for the sake of
that salutation which you speak
of. I will perhaps
write during the week but cannot prom-
ise with certainty. I must not write
any more now for church has brought
me the Bible and says it is best time.

Adieu loved,
H. Cross.

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The bracelet will be finished
tomorrow. There is something
else which I wish very much to
visit but I am so, so weary
and worn out that I can't even
remember what it is now.
Good Night my dear Darling,
H.

Monday Morning

I have a few moments my love before
College time arrives, and as I was so negligent
yesterday, will devote them to you. I rose very
early this morning to study and had a real pleas-
ant time all alone. I did so wish I could see you
then, - just to give you a kiss, and an embrace before
I went to studying. I ~~know~~ ~~wished~~ to see me
very much, yesterday, and if I could have been with
you I have no doubt I should have forgotten everything
like care. You are a darling love, to be so kind and
trustful towards me. George has gone up to Brockport
to see his Fannie but I would not give much for
all the enjoyment he will have. I wonder how betroth-
ed lovers can enjoy themselves without confidence
and familiarity. I know that we could not for any
length of time. By the way I have just been writing an
essay in defense of "The White Captive." You can
scarcely imagine for how many arguments in its
favor I am indebted to your loving indulgence.
There is you know quite a war going on, among

pseudo-critics in regard to the
merits of this statue. I truly believe that some
of its censurers are either children as they have
lived with their eyes shut. The truth is it
is one of the finest if not the finest piece
of statuary that American genius has pro-
duced. You would smile I think, and I guess
old Cutting will stare at the gravity with
which I discourse of the comparative beauty &
grace of the less renowned of different nations.
So confident that I have studied the subject until
I can well & thoroughly converse with it, and
if it is a delicate matter I can substantiate
the truth of every word I speak. But the
time is up - Good Bye Love

A. O.



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