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Love Emma

I have been
out on the hills all day and have
tramped and wandered until
I am weary enough to lie down
and sleep. I guess I shall wish for
a home and a bed softer than
the boards on which I must lie
when I come to retire tonight; - if
lying down in one's bunk with
8 or about him can be called
retiring. I don't know whether
I shall better tell you of an ad-
venture I had today. It seems
almost like desecrating paper
to do it but I don't know
but I will. You know

my wandering proclivities
we went to lead me into
rather lonely places, and with
a book for a companion I
kept pretty quiet. Well today I
was off in a shady nook when
five persons came along wear-
ing the uniform of the Oswego
Regt. I don't know what
made me notice it but as they
went by I thought that one of
them was rather below reputation
height and then it struck me
that there was something pecu-
liar in the gait and carriage
of the lead. My curiosity was
excited and I followed them
carefully and slowly through
the woods. I saw that they
were seeking a retired place
as I was better acquainted
with the conformation of the
country than they seemed to

be, I found it an easy
task to keep them in
sight without being seen
myself. After following them
a while they stopped in a shady
glen. There they stopped and the
one of whom I had spoken remem-
bered every article of clothing and
I saw it - was a woman, a
really beautiful woman too.
Then ensued a scene of degra-
dation I never saw equalled. I
sat and watched it for some time
just to see what passion would
lead man and woman too.
I was really amused sometimes
at others as much disgusted as one
could possibly be. You need never
mention to me again your fa-
vorite theory, that the gratification
of sexual passion is not a source
of pleasure to woman, at least ex-
cept in isolated cases. The female

in the present case was about
20 or 22 yrs old, warm blood-
ed and passionate as one could
see by her form and complexion.
She did not seem to be at all
mercenary in her motives but
submitted to it — just for the fun.
It did not seem that it had upon
her just as upon theirs.

I never saw another countenance
exhibit such signs of passionate de-
light as did hers at times. As I
turned away sickened by what I
had seen, to go to camp, one of
the masculine Brites saw me,
and they all made for me bound
to give me a thrashing or put
myself on a level with them by
following their example. I most
presumptively refused to do either,
and raised my tongue to so

good a purpose that they
soon consented to let me go
unhindered.

Just to leave
such a theme. I saw some fine
scenery today and got a good lot of
strawberries - Oh, they were so good -
had many a pleasant dream &
throughout seemed more at home
than I have felt before for a month.
We get nice new uniforms in a
day or two and will probably be
served in in a day or two. If
we remain here long you may
see me soon on a furlough &
there is yet a possibility of my re-
turning to K - or somewhere
else to spend the remainder
of my life for aught I know.
I do not think however
that there is much probability
of this. I wish, my Love, I could
come and see you, get even one

kiss to night, for I am so lonely
ly for my Darling. I have longed
for you so much of late, you seem
so much nearer and dearer to me
than ever before. Every word of love
or endearment is heard again with
again and seems to bear a double
burthen of tenderness and affection.
There is one thing which you have said
in some of your letters, that I must
speak of now for I may not think of
it again while writing. You say if I
am sick you shall come and take
care of me. You will nothing of the
kind? If I should be ill enough to
need your care, and am in a pos-
ition where you could come with-
out having to undergo what I do
not wish you to encounter, I
will write you, and then you
may come. Now remember
that my Love, for I very much
wish that you should. I heard from

Cousin Anjou the other day.
She is a mother, has a little boy
of a few weeks old and is as proud
and happy as a young mother
could possibly be. Of course the
new being is a most wonderful
animal, has a most radiant
appearance, and strongly resembles
both of its charming parents. Well
I don't blame her for her jealousy.
Her brother Gerwin who was mar-
ried on the same evening is also now
a parent being the father of a fine boy
a few days older or younger than there
I forget which. It's small difference
anyhow. There goes the tattoo and
all lights must be out. Good
night Love give me a place in
thy dreams

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