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information, and I am sure
will be glad to hear from you
at all times.

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Mia Cara — Oh! I beg pardon, —
Mia Cara — No that's just as bad! O Dear I
mean G - G - G - lence, what shall I call
you? I can't say Darling to you for
that's only a diminutive of the aprobriam
term and if properly spelled would be Dear-ling,
which of course would be quite unendurable
to you. Really, I don't know what I can
possibly do for a substitute. I suppose
I must write something and set a watch
upon myself to keep from offending
you. The way you look so very ugly brown
about you last night. It mingled the
natural, the tragic and the grotesque
are most ludicrous proportions. This
I believe the first time you have troubled
me in that manner in a long time.
Your nocturnal troubles, with re-
gard to me were not perhaps entire-

ly groundless. If I can remember ^(What does he mean?) rightly those two special nights, and I think I ought to be able so to do - I was a great way from being a comfortable invalid. I could not sleep at all those nights. On Thursday night I was kept awake by the tooth and back and head ache, and on Friday night I went up to the Social and so tired myself that I could not think of such a thing as rest so laid on my back and groaned. ^{Poor fellow!} I suppose that in my then state of mind I called for you quite often during those long painful hours. Do you suppose it was sympathy with my sufferings that induced those attacks of night-mare? If that be the case I should not wonder if you had not slept much of late for I am sure I have had many a very night. I really hope you are not so afflicted. You must not be so troubled about me any more. For I am going to do ^{Dear friend!} ^{When did I ever manifest all that anxiety?} ^{Well!} ^{What does he mean?} ^{Will this letter visit mine.} ^{Some mistake about this.} ^{My.} ^{And so, you think it decidedly} ^{wicked that we should be separated now?} ^{Well} ^{I don't know, Love,} ^{I think it's very hard at} ^{the very least.} ^{I sometimes feel precisely as} ^{you write and if I could only make it} ^{prudent,} ^{I almost certainly should not "long} ^{in vain" for my wife Emma.} ^{You know} ^{my Love,} ^{how much I desire your presence} ^{and that only two things prevent the consum-} ^{matation of our wishes.} ^{The one is my fear} ^{of beginning life under untoward circum-} ^{stances, and the other the fact I have no} ^{place to put a wife just now.} ^{The one is} ^{a care for future sustenance the other a lack} ^{of present.} ^{I don't know but I am glad} ^{that the latter exists, for I am fearful,}

I am studying all I can. I have Blackstone and read every day just as much as the law - or as my circumstances - allows. If I cannot have the magic of your hand to heal and soothe my back I have substituted a big plaster. Not a very delicate substitute, I admit, though it is very consoling. ^{My.} ^{And so, you think it decidedly} ^{wicked that we should be separated now?} ^{Well} ^{I don't know, Love,} ^{I think it's very hard at} ^{the very least.} ^{I sometimes feel precisely as} ^{you write and if I could only make it} ^{prudent,} ^{I almost certainly should not "long} ^{in vain" for my wife Emma.} ^{You know} ^{my Love,} ^{how much I desire your presence} ^{and that only two things prevent the consum-} ^{matation of our wishes.} ^{The one is my fear} ^{of beginning life under untoward circum-} ^{stances, and the other the fact I have no} ^{place to put a wife just now.} ^{The one is} ^{a care for future sustenance the other a lack} ^{of present.} ^{I don't know but I am glad} ^{that the latter exists, for I am fearful,}

that I might disregard the warnings
of the former were it not for the more
forcible monitions of the latter. We must
try and wait patiently and hopefully for
"God's appointment." Will you poor heart fail
if "fed on" hopes and memories alone" much
longer? Poor dear heart! I am sorely afraid
wicked, it has destroyed its peace for a time
at least. Well Darling, you must brace your-
self up, just as strong as possible and I
will do my best. I will study all I can
and just as soon as I have any pros-
pect of competence you shall be my wife.
Then you know the prospect will all the
time be growing brighter and the memories
sweeter, even to the climax. Unless, in which
it should climacterate as it did in my
dream last night, which I am sorely
afraid of!! Oh! that was so ludicrous!
I thought I had some way suddenly
been favored with a blink of your coun-
tenance, and was sitting with you all
alone and - strange to say - was about to
take a kiss. Still stranger, you refused me
even this. I supposed it was some whim
of yours and paid no attention to it but con-
tinued in earnest conversation for some time
longer. At length happening to mention some
thing that occurred on a certain day, I said

"Do you remember that day?" I think I
ought to remember it," you replied, "for I
was married on that day." I thought
you said this very quietly; sitting on the
ground and picking to pieces a flower. You
did not seem to mind at all my sur-
prised incredulous - "Married! The
devil you were!" - but answered "Yes,
I am now Mrs -" (the only thing I have
forgotten is the name. I don't that even now
waking?) - I was dumb for a mo-
ment and could hardly believe what I
heard, and you I feel as unconscious
of everything, "as a sort of" a worm that
is hollowing it out." You didn't offer any
explanations and I gradually recovered
myself, "And then came on the thunder."
You did not seem to care, and Oh! how
I courted you! (N.B. This was the tragic part!)
At length, concluding I suppose that you
were completely imperturbable, - I rose and

said, (very impressively I presume)
"Why Emma, to do thus with my
kisses yet warm upon your bosom!"
Then you threw yourself back upon the
ground and wept as if your heart were broken,
I regarded you for a moment
with a sort of savage pleasure, and
then crawled myself off with great dignity
and with a great weight crushing me
down, but bound to conceal it all. As
I left you I met Nora — who has fig-
ured very prominently in my dreams of
late, — and going to her as if she were
my mother and said, "Kiss me, quick
lest I grow desperate and curse your en-
tire sex." While she was ~~consoling~~ consoling me
and I was relating the affair to her I
awoke.

Now what do you think of my
dream? I believe you asked me for
an interpretation of a dream, suppose
you do the same for me.

Ding! Ding! yell, yell

howl, bellow, — darn!
That's a prelude to a regular
blaze. One of my country cousins
"Long may she live and be the last"
has been here since Wednesday last, at-
tending a musical convention, here in
town, and whenever she has been in the
house it has been useless to cry "peace!"
She has the misfortune to consider herself
a musical prodigy, which if she is — Heaven
forefend that there should be another. The
Melodeon has been pounded till it yells
every time it is touched, and O, what un-
earthly yells we have had,
"As all the fire from Heaven that fell
to all pealed the roar of Hell."

Thank Heaven tomorrow will come some
time. — I don't know if I shall go
up to Willoughby or not. Lizzie goes on
Sat. next. — I am going up to
stay with Anna next Tuesday, for
three or four days. — I have
not heard a word from Ed or

Web of late.

Must send this
to the office and must
write no more

Alison

I don't know any more. I might
 not to her. I should
 like this, but I did
 not know it, and
 I'm not sure
 proper in all parts
 of the arrangement
 if your name
 had not
 occurred
 I should have
 dared to
 pay him off
 with
 interest.

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 interest.

I would have
 declared I wish you were back here, that we
 might see you in the near future. I'm ahead
 of the pack here. I really
 wish I could send it back to you to-
 morrow that you might know of his Hunter,
 but I know Emma is really satisfied
 with the letter that will be written instead
 of mine. There is no more to be said than
 this now for me. It comes to me a good
 deal of it. I feel it very much. The
 result will be that you will not get it home.
 I'm sure it comes to you at least a
 line or two, which will give you
 something. I'm all in a quail, duties crowd
 so thick and fast that I can't sleep. I'm one
 laughing with you when you read this. I'm all in to