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And so, Emma, you do think you have been just a little neglectful. - Let me see, it's just one month tomorrow since your last preceding letter was received.

I had concluded that you were surely sick - as I do not doubt you have been, only you don't want me to know it. I had written you a big, long letter, full of sympathy & consolation, and I don't know what else, which I was going to mail to you yesterday. I was fortunate enough, however, to forget it when I went up town, and when I got your letter, I was real glad that it was so. You'll never get that remarkable effusion,

never in this world, nor
never. Well I suppose I
must forgive you for keeping
me in a state of suspense so long,
but you may be sure I will
pay you off sometime. I vow
if I could only navigate, I would
go off this very day to the war a-
gain, and not write you till
my disjecta membra, were
scattered over the plains of Secess-
ion. Now I guess you are penitent.

Well if you are as you
say "all right" now, I can get a-
long quite comfortably and let what
has been take care of itself. Could it
you do the same and so get rid of
that "Scar on your heart?"

By the bye, is not that term
"all right," pretty near a vulgar-
ism? Or at least too much so
for you to use? Now don't "Call
the devil over his own coals," and

say I use worse ones. I
will put that out of order.

I think that Ellen must
be a charmer if she does all
that you ascribe to her. I don't
know why in the world any one
should blame me for telling you
that I love you (though I don't be-
lieve I ever did so, unless when I
was dreaming). Indeed I don't
know as any one ought to be real-
ly responsible for what he says when
he is asleep. Please give to her my
sincerest thanks for her sisterly kind-
ness to you.

I hope you will have as
good times as you seem to un-
derstand, on Christmas. I spent
Thanksgiving at home, and enjoy-
ed myself — as well as could.

Lieut. Gould is at home and
expect he will be apt to see me to-
day or tomorrow and I shall

probably go home with
him to stay a week or
so.

And so Miss In-
-pertinence you wish to know
if "green" becomes my "style of
Beauty." just as you please
to think with regard to that,
but I assure you I partake
very strongly of the nature of a
fabled animal, I can change
in my nature as my color
changes. As to the package
which you mention, all I can
say is, that if you wish to send
it, you had better send it by Express,
(and mind you, without paying for
the transportation) — but if you wish
to bring it, I think it would be advi-
-sable to leave it until you come.

I suppose the reason I did not tell
you more of my visit to W — was
that I was not in a communicable mood.

Keep yourself happy (A. W. George)