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Darling

I don't feel one  
bit like writing to you today and  
don't think I shall write much.

I have been up to Ashtabula al-  
most all the past week. I have visit-  
ed Maria and Sara and Anna and  
every one else whom I have ever seen  
in that wretched metropolis. I have  
had a very good time but now  
I am feeling dumpy and restless.  
I am very much better than I have  
been heretofore. I don't rise a crutch  
much of the time now and have  
scarce any pain except when  
I stand.

I found several letters awaiting  
my return but not any from  
you. I don't know why but I

had rather expected to find  
one from you and guess I was  
a little disappointed that I did  
not. At length I have had a  
letter from Cowd. Why in the world  
did you not tell me that he had  
changed his residence? It was a fun-  
ny epistle. He did not tell me any-  
thing about himself, as to what he  
is doing or intending to do. He  
sent me a note of introduction to  
Miss Willson, to be used when I  
go to Rochester, if I should happen  
not to have the pleasure of his compa-  
ny on that occasion. It is quite an  
original document of the kind and  
is couched in the following very ex-  
pressive words.

Hallow  
"Surgee, my old friend  
cousin and chace. Brother is just the  
best man in the world. I am anxious  
to have him acquainted with you."

I think you will be pleased with  
him and sure he will with  
you. So when he calls please enter-  
tain him as you know so well  
how to do. Yours, Susan Cowd.  
Isn't that characteristic!

I also had a letter from Web.  
He is very well and in remarkably  
good spirits. Things seem to be  
much more cheerful with him  
than they were a short time since.

By the way I had also a letter  
from Miss Mr. E. Tobias; from Fairy  
Female Institute, Rochester N.Y.  
She is an entirely unknown fe-  
male, to me. I suppose she was  
at Gainesville when I had the honor  
to be there as speaker, and as she  
says she would. She is very anxious  
to know what has become of my  
"sister" Miss A. C. Kilborn. I managed  
to make out so much of her abomi-  
nable spelling. She is very anxious

and that I should answer immediately.  
I am not going in my inclination  
to do so but shall not have time  
to do so in a week or more.  
If you write to Anne soon please not  
forget her that I am I - it is in my  
mind to hear of you, or of her.

Here I am just ready for bed. Evening!  
I have not yet answered your letter since as I  
was determined not to be interrupted by  
any such thing in today. I will finish  
it tonight even at the risk of not making  
it worth reading if there be any such risk.

It is possible you did not get my last letter  
until some time since. I intended you should  
receive it. It was forgotten when we went to  
London and thereby delayed 24 hours be-  
yond the time it was intended to be delayed.

Why in the world do I not just  
make yourself a bird of passage for  
a little while and come to me for  
one night now? I believe you could  
back with better heart all the week if  
you would and I know I should  
be happier. If you cannot come.

I will just give myself up to the care  
of Heaven and meet you perhaps in  
Dreams.

Yours

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