

I am going to Oramel to spend
some time with my schoolmate
Digger Bell soon. I will tell you
where to direct letters there.
Ella and I are found for
a ride. and I must at
least longer. We had a run
away the other day but no
wheels broken. The horse I
drive is quite fractious but
I like to drive and can always
manage him though it does
almost pull my wrists off when
he takes a remarkably well.
Please let me hear from you
soon. I went to Albany N.Y.
last week. I hope you are
well. For love of yours
J. C. [unclear]

Dearling? - Somehow there is a little feeling
of pride in my heart as I write it,
notwithstanding it may make my heart
ache sometime. Will you, my dear,
be as explicit as possible to me about
matters and doings in progress.
You know I am somewhat anxious
to know what is going on especially
when you have a part. I congratulate
you most heartily upon being
able to walk once more. Thought

Looks nicely, don't it
Tuesday morning
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I would prefer to give them in person so you could see how glad I was, by looking straight in my eyes. I don't like to dismiss any fears "my will. Can not promise to do it in the most gracious manner, but I'll make an effort to do it the best I can. I do want to see you very badly, and I will not give up but that I may for that "can not come now" gives me little room to hope. If I were at home you would see me often. So you think I had best come? I will promise to do as you think best, for I have no engagements here, but I don't really want to go home for fear I may have to stay too long. I have made myself so essential to the family here that they think it quite impossible to give me leave of absence and have offered me a home always if I will accept

it. There are some conditions in the proposition which might be provided and there has nothing definite, at all. I feel here is some-^{except} autonomous that "is hardly agreeable always. I want to see you, shall I come home or won't you come and see me here. When you get ready? Please take some of the time which you would occupy in visiting me where I at home, in writing me every thing as like a dutiful lover, you should. Now don't say "Pshaw! I can't." but take a sensible look of the matter, and consider that your letters with a little bit of "my dear college boy" left in them would afford me a vast deal of pleasure. Now about your being absent, what is it all going to amount to? I shall be as impatient as can be until I know. Yours rapidly recovering, my darling, make me

fearful if another downfall. Your will
impetuosity will take you too far and
too fast I fear. I know you will urge
me to jog your elbow & try them, but as
it is about going to be experiment for me
to do it. Please do take a little advice
I'll warrant every body gives it to you
but don't skip over this part of my
letter on account of its character
but heed me when I tell you to
Be careful and not do too much
and too fast, or I will predict a sure
and sudden banishing of all your high
dreams and hopes. I know Albion
has terrible this almost year. I can
fully prostrate and inactivity has
been to you. how gradual it has been
for you to give up hope and love, may
wondering that God been dear to your
heart and wish for oblivion. If you
had been tempted to commit a
dreadful crime, I should not have
wondered at it in the least. I am
only too glad that there is now a prospect
of activity again. I read everything
about the war and times that I can
get hold of and get enthusiastic,
patriotic and indignant in turn.
Sometimes I read until my brain
gets almost wild. I never wish
thought that I was a man as my
country do, so that I might take a part
in this warfare. but I have prayed
that you Albion might have strength
and health again so that I could let
you go. It will seem to me that you
my precious lover husband. how
it do. and if you are now able to do
I am not less glad than yourself. I know
I am not glad that I am not a man be-
cause your life would be too dear to
me to offer. for you are far dearer than
to me and I would joyfully bid you
go: say often when I have loved of late

that you were well again, the
wonder in my heart would be
for my lover. I find it to tell me that
I could not give up my Albion
and then again when, and of late, a
terrible wave of reality of war has
come upon us, right at home, in
our quiet village, where a sweet young
wife was widowed, a brave young
man taken from his aged parents and
a maiden whose heart was made
desolate. all which has come to us
in the last month. I think, can
you. Emma, dare you pray for
health again for Albion, but I do
- I will. I read this morn-
ing in the Weekly Post and Daily of last
night, events and incidents of the
battles before Richmond until I had
down the paper unable to read
longer for my feelings were worked
up to such a pitch that I really
feared for my reason. yet in five
minutes I was at the paper a-
gain devouring with avidity every
thing pertaining to war matters.



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