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Thursday P. M.

I shall expect to hear  
from you tomorrow. I  
I hope you would not  
be down as you call  
it any day  
I will hope for no evil  
I must see the best  
side - God bless my  
dear, dear husband.  
E.H.

Your letters were rec<sup>d</sup> from  
you this morning, and how anxiously shall  
I look for the next one. I can only hope and  
pray that God will keep my precious trust  
from all harm and evil. I did not know  
before receiving your letters that there had  
been fighting near you. There had been  
no account of it in the papers. I take  
the Morning Leader, and as it comes  
down at noon, we get it at eight o'clock  
I keep a sharp look out for all news  
of your Reg<sup>t</sup>, but it has not yet been  
mentioned since I commenced taking  
it. I have been waiting, waiting and  
impatience for those pictures yet they have  
not yet made their appearance. My  
father wrote me last week that he would  
be in Ash. in a few days and would  
get them as soon as he was coming down  
to see me as soon as he could. My  
mother would bring them. If he does not  
come tomorrow I will write him how im-  
patient I am about them for my sake  
and yours and tell him to mail them to me  
at once. I think they will be good, if nothing

will have to take some better ones it seems  
to save his life. Work is, at times some very  
fine indiarubber and if these don't suit I will  
try him I think. I should have written to you  
to send me the pictures by mail immediately  
if your father had not volunteered to get them.  
He seems so anxious and pleased to serve  
me that I am desirous to allow him as  
to do. I am very glad I am going to love  
your father Albion. I did not expect ever  
to do so. I had a letter from him yes-  
terday. He says those photographs of your class  
are at his father's and if I please it he  
will write him to exchange them to me at  
once. Shall I tell him I may, dear? I  
will await your reply, before writing to  
him again. I should like very much to have  
them. I am so glad, my dear husband  
that matters are pleasant for you in  
the Regt. It grieved me very much that  
you were to be so troubled. I am quite  
content to await your explanation in  
your own good time. You know that what  
pertains to you is always interesting to me.  
Mr Shultz wished me to thank you for  
remembering his boy. Please send a  
word or two about him when you remem-  
ber it. They feel so deeply the loss of  
their two other sons that those who are  
left are doubly cherished, and poor Joe  
cannot visit them and they are so  
often troubled about him. The time

came in Mr Shultz's eyes when I told  
him that you said Joe was a good boy.  
I don't know but Mrs Hazletine has asked  
me forty times if you ever said anything  
for John. She could not understand why  
everyone did not think just as much of  
us she did and how anyone could look  
from that heart and never say a word  
him was a mystery. She was delighted that  
you did remember him once.  
I found that letter of Nellie's that you  
spoke about I guess. It troubled me  
much that I could not stand it until  
I wrote her <sup>to ask</sup> what it did all mean. It  
seems that all the trouble arose from  
showing you a letter of mine where I had  
written that "I hated Nellie I did" and  
he of course had written it to her, and she  
had been grieving her poor heart over it for  
almost a year. Was it not a little cruel  
Albion for you to show the letter to her without  
explaining to him what any "I hate you"  
or if you really thought I did hate Nellie  
to show it at all? It rather seems so  
to me. Did you really think Nellie and I  
were sworn enemies? - There was one  
Mr Co, that I did feel provoked at her but  
a letter from her explained it, and when  
she wrote me so lovingly to visit her last  
summer I did not think of feeling  
anything but kindness toward her. I think  
we have the matter all straightened out

my  
become in consequence of our little acquaintance  
better friends than we should ever have been  
had this not occurred. Tell Joe if it, if you  
wish to. I would write to him if I knew  
that he would not object to corresponding  
with a married lady. Please ask him if  
he would. Emillia says I cannot blame  
her any but she thinks she can you. She says  
I must tell you that she has been getting  
all my honors. She has been called Mrs. Jones  
and been congratulated on her marriage &c.  
&c. I never before but we were often  
mistaken for each other. Our different names  
now show it. She has been out a good deal  
and wears a bonnet trimmed in white and  
people all think she must be the bride and  
those who ought to be well acquainted with  
mistake her for me. I tell her I cannot  
see how this can please you. I should  
be pleased to think that people thought your  
wife so blooming and easy-looking as she is.  
I am very well and contented by husband.  
My only trouble is that I do not feel really  
well natural. I feel just as much the  
maiden as though I had never felt my hus-  
band's loving embraces. It really troubles me  
as I begin to fear Dr. that Terrible disappoi-  
-gnent. I am so impatient to know what  
I may tell you whether to rejoice at the hope  
or grieve at the banishment of it.  
- Oh my husband I love to pray for  
you. Sometimes it seems as though I  
could not leave you. I must ask something  
more to pray our Father continually to keep you  
from temptation and preserve you pure and  
good. I feel sometimes as though you did not  
know how much I pray for you and how often  
I pray for you. Your wife Emillia L. Johnson

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