

Cerie Pa

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wifey:

I have no doubt you are very lonely tonight darling, and have been all day. It has been tiresome enough for me. I went to church this forenoon with Angie and heard the Rev. Hays begin a discourse, speak for a few minutes break down in a coughing fit, and leave it to be topped out by some numbskull whose name I did not learn. It was almost too much for me, - too good in experience for so poor a churchgoer as I. To make up for it this afternoon I have slept most energetically almost all the time since dinner. I was down to the office for a moment to read some proof. Lyman has been at work most furiously all day cleaning the engine. I did not see Angie until today. I gave her the money and will see her tomorrow and deliver the "Specs". I bought Merriwale's "History of the Romans" last night. As soon as I have read the first volume I will take it up to you. I have been meditating about getting a book-case. They cost so terribly that I do not know as I shall do it. It seems as if I might get along until things are cheaper and I guess I will. In that case I will have a sort of temporary, rough case made and covered with something and put them up in your room at home. I have the front room

at Mr Spragues row. It is carpeted with a dark check pattern and is very cozy. If I only had a book-case and desk attached - it would be as homelike as you could wish for me. I came within a snipe of renting a house last evening. When I came home to supper Mrs S - said a lady on this st. wished to rent house and furniture until next May. I took my hat and tore along to the place, where I arrived just in time to see the lucky dog who had secured it come out of the door and go smilingly away. Just my luck!

Tell Coby that I forgot to look for a pulley at Cleveland's and had not time if I had remembered it. He may get one if there is one to be found there or elsewhere in town. Perhaps he could borrow one somewhere. A letter from father says the sheep are probably worth \$450 apiece - had better cut the corn ^{and} tobacco some odd spell and draw it up on the ground by the barn. Turn the calf to eat as soon as possible. Give him plenty of clover meadow, apple parings &c, whatever can be spared from pigs. They will eat corn. Hire any one you care during the next few weeks at any price. Remember, wifey, and do not work and make yourself sick. I can hardly rest easy despite your promise. Send me down the Scott deed. I will try and present to Mrs S - some day this week. If you want anything write me what, you know my memory is treacherous. Oh dear! I hate to go to bed alone tonight. How in the world am I to live for the next six months or more? Remember
Alice Darling

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