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My Darling:

6-P.M.-

I have been indexing all day and am so nervous and tired as such work always makes me. You have no idea what an awful amount of work there is on this digest - We are getting along very well but it is terrible to contemplate what must be done. That young Douglas you have inquired about so anxiously is some three weeks old. There was nothing in our suspicions beyond the fact that the both fell in love, I think. I have not been down town since the election, nor off the job but once - I went out to hear Bishop Wylie preach on Sunday at Wernersville - He and Dr. Rush were here. As usual Wylie is not well and Rush is as garrulous as ever. Fanny is to be married on Thursday. She leaves tomorrow. I shall get Rosa to cook for me

I have managed to keep your
mother very nearly decent - She
has been a hard time though - There
has been any amount of weeping over
it - I don't mind anything about
it, but just go on as easily as if
there were nothing the matter - She
lays all sorts of plans to get me to ack-
nowledge her supremacy, but they are
all in vain - She is working to make it a ne-
cessity for her to go to Erie, I know that
would be her aim, says her children
have all deserted her, which I assent
to and tell her plainly that if she had
not acted as towards them they would
not have done so - I told her square out
that she should not go to Erie - that I
would not have her in the house with
you again - None of the Sampson girls
will stay with her, so that all her plans
for getting a "white nigger" to boss are
failures - I don't know what she will
do next but she has some plan in her

mind as I can see from her
conduct today - I don't think she has
written to you lately but you will all catch
it blue when she does - She has set her head
on going away from here and bossing
some establishment elsewhere - I will
manage her while I stay and if you
girls are wise you will not listen to
her complaints afterwards -

Steve and I are talking about going to
Chicago together about Jan. 1st - There is nothing
definite yet - but I may so conclude
before it is all over - Do not anticipate
anything, however, I am just here, waiting
for whatever may turn up and working
all the time - I find that I tire more
quickly than I have been accustomed to
but that will wear away - Kiss Sophie
for me, she must be very sweet and good
to you now that you have so much
trouble to bear - I am afraid I shall
have no money for her birth day but
if I can get any, I will certainly

send her something - You must
not expect me in Erie at all this
winter - I shall have to do all I can
and more too - Be happy dear and
do not give away and I will be - Oh
so brave and strong -

God bless you

Albin

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