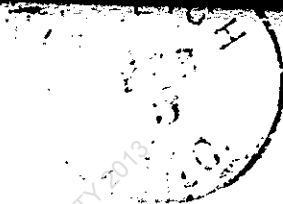


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FROM ALBION W. TOURGEE,

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Raleigh, N. C.,

Feb 4th 1879

VS.

My Darling Wife: I am so sorry for your disappointment as expressed in your letter of the 1st inst. It is too bad when you have been so good and have written such bright cheery letters which have so braced me up and strengthened me. Bless your dear heart. I do not know how I came to neglect you only I was so busy. There were some schemes on foot which would intrude upon the day and when night came, I was so greedy of time that I would work at my wiles into the wee small hours. It is a job only less tedious than the writing of the cases. I am bound to have it just right if it takes all summer. I think I have written to you once and some times twice a day for nearly a week. Indeed, I think you should have had a letter on the day you wrote, if the mail had been regular. Have I not answered your questions. Dear me, what one have I neglected? Let me see! Oh about your "Still Home". I think it is at Greensboro. I had it on my table there. Will hunt it up and send to you, at the first opportunity. Have got your Foinette from D. Haywood. Cannot remember any other unanswered one. Keogh's folks have returned. Mr. Bull has gained 15/44 lbs in a week + Beabow is down here, lobbying and talking scandal. Mendenhall didn't get the post office. The Wilmington C. B's are here in force. Manning is as phlegmatic as ever. Republicans are in a boil because Tourgee is going to edit a paper - Young, Chaffer, Nichols and Tourgee are reconciled. Mrs Jarvis is taking on airs (and they

"Yes" too. I have inspected three ball
dresses this evening and pronounced
each one incomparable. Mamma Black-
well has become a lovely young lady
and sends any amount of love to you
and Lottie. She and her mother have
been down at Washington. Had a long
chat with Mrs. B. today - very sensible
and nice. Sends regards to you and
says that you will not insist on going
away. Thinks the tide is turning strongly
in our favor - Never saw her seem so well
and really pleasant and good. I think
everybody is getting better, except the Dem-
ocratic Legislature.

I am sorry indeed for Theron's folks and
will write to him at once. Poor fellow! How
are we not blessed in comparison with him?
Don't get the blues, Darling. I am doing my
best to be and do all that you wish me
to. God bless you! You are my inspiration.
My brightest hope is to have your sweetest love.
Keep heart a little longer, dear one. If things
do not show brightly here, I will come to you
soon and never leave you again. Your
old Mrs - or Miss, which is it? Fowles has
been to see me and wants me to take her
case. Couldn't do it and wouldn't do it.
Wanted to be remembered to you. Deane is run-
ning the Second Presbytery, Ch. Gov. Jarvis pro-
poses to turn the graded school out, and
occupy the Mission.

Please do keep up your sweet letters - They
are so charming and delightful to me. Are
you not mortified about my not referring to
them? Did you say Lottie had gone out calling
with her doll? Can't believe it. Doubt whether
that you three girls get blue there with no man
to abuse. You must have a dull time. I am
trying to think of things to raise a hubbub about
when I come. You must get your tempers very sweet
before that time - You have barely a month to get
ready, in? God bless you all. Never did one poor man
have such sweet darlings - Albin