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My Darling Wife:

I was so busy that I did not get time to write to you yesterday, but think that I have news which will give you abundant joy tonight. Lowrey & Shaffer are going to Denver to practice law. How do you like that? We shall leave here about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in June. We are to go out there and stay a month or two, then Shaffer will return and stay several months, perhaps a year, to close up his business and prepare to transfer himself, after that we shall be together. He will bear the greater part of the first year's expense, if necessary, or at least, up to \$1000, and will put in \$500. of such books as I may select. I think everything looks favorable. I have had a bid for my Reports and am in

strong hope that I may realize something more. Perhaps, I may sell my copyrights or my patents and so have a reasonable hand yet - I am very happy, now that it is all settled, and Shaffer says he don't know when he has felt so good in years. I think Nichols will go, too. Now, there are "a many" things I want you to think of and do.

1 - Tell me just what you think of it, without reserve, so that it may be broken off, if not pleasing to you. I think it must be, but wish to know just how you feel.

2 - Do you wish to go on when I do. I am strongly inclined to have you do so. I shall need your faith and courage and the fact that you are with me will be a sort of guaranty of success to me. However, you shall decide that question for yourself. There are good schools there, and if there were none, we must still take Lodie. She could not be left. No more family

separation for me, if it can be avoided.

3<sup>d</sup> I would be glad if you would write to Prof. Brown informing him of our determination and asking what we had better take there, ie, rent, houses, board ie. The date in regard to living. Also hunt up any one I else you can and write to them on the subject. Is not Rev. Spaulding (formerly of Erie) bishop of Colo-  
rado?

4<sup>th</sup> - What clothes ie, do you want and had you not better go to New York for them? I shall perhaps come there by water and Ed's folks would be very glad to have you come and stay a fortnight or so with them. You could visit the Howards ie and have a pleasant time. Mrs. Fiske would no doubt be glad to see you, though I did not see her. I would be very glad if you could come South before bidding good

bye to it, perhaps for good. I think in its beautiful spring dress, and with the weight of old care off your mind you might lean it with kinder thoughts. It has not been a wholly bad foster mother to us, my darling.

5 - Would you prefer that we should go through Minneapolis and if not wholly satisfied with D. fall back on that or shall we put it on one throw of the dice and say, "Sink or swim &c".

Poor Darnie, she certainly has a hard time, though I am by no means satisfied that even Angie would not be willing to take a husband even with as many draw backs as Mr. Hall's ill fortune brings. I wish I could help him. I wonder if he might not stand some chance to sell the Shingle Patent in some of those states.

I would give him an excellent chance if he could, for we do not count those states of any great value, at the best. You might mention it and send him a circular. There are several parties biting on this state.

I stepped in to see Judge Rensch and wife tonight. Mrs R. astounded me by telling me that "Mamie Blackwell is to be married in the Fall to young Green of New Bern, a leather headed fellow who is not yet twenty. I am sorry, as I know you will be - She is going to write to you - a whole lot of scandal, she said.

I have just been down to the post office and was rewarded by your sweet letter of the 13th. I think nothing short of death can separate us very long hereafter darling. I have been utterly lonely, desolate and full of longing

I cannot say I have been heart-sick  
for I have been fully determined to see  
you again soon and to keep seeing  
you often thereafter. We are not made  
to live alone. I am sure of that. Your  
life is incomplete and mine perfectly  
top-sided when we are separated - I  
am going to make every edge cut for our  
early re-union. I am half sorry you have  
not the expected mementos. I don't know what  
makes me desire it so much only it does  
seem as if we ought to have a boy. However,  
I could endure to be away from you  
at this time if you had. However, when we  
get settled in Colorado, we will see  
about the matter -

I am going to advertise my lots in G -  
if White does not take them this week and  
will include Augie's house. I may have  
a favorable bid. I think I have under-  
stood that she will take \$2500 - I would

not advise less. Write off a list  
of what you think I should bring from here  
when we go to Denver. I am inclined to carry  
but little and if we have to order from the  
East get from New York or send back  
for anything we want - However, think of all  
you can.

It is getting very late - nearly 12 p.m.  
I don't want to quit writing must not  
keep at it and dread to go to the house and  
go to bed - for I shall keep thinking and  
dreaming of you half the remaining hours  
of the night - What sweet memories  
those Elysian days and nights at Erie  
have left. Was ever anything so peaceful  
and happy, so perfectly idyllic in the  
completeness of joy. Good night darling.  
That big girl has not sent me any letter  
but I will send her a few kisses - Love  
to the girls - I do wish I could step in  
and kiss you all. You seem to be all

Mum and I always find myself  
planning and thinking for the whole trio  
almost as intently as for you. I must  
fix things as good as I can for them before  
we go, though I do not think Nellie will  
keep up the teaching very long. I do  
hope the future will be bright and joyous  
for us all and do not doubt that it  
will - God bless you all - dear  
dear ones who are so far away  
and yet always so near -

Yours

Albion  
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