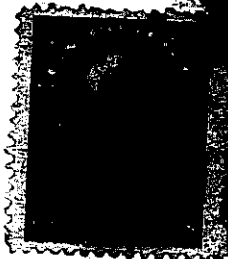


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Sunday Afternoon.

My Darling Wife:

It is the most delightful of Summer Sabbath evenings. I have written a letter on two, read my Sunday novel and have now the sweetest part of the day for the most delightful duty. You do not know how I love to write to you. I feel as lonely and dispirited whenever I fail to do it, that I very often write after midnight for the mere satisfaction of the sweet happy slumber which comes afterwards.

I cannot resist the impression that a great blessedness is coming to you. I cannot see what nor where but I am sure it will come. There is nothing very cheering here or of what we

are so much interested in, yet  
I am sure that things are going to  
move favorably for us - The book will  
be printed in a week or so and we  
shall soon know if anything can  
come out of that - The lots will be ad-  
vertized extensively this week and  
I hope on next Sunday to know more  
of our future than I do today - If I  
can only see my way clear to get  
there get settled and be sure of returns  
for a little time I will be too happy  
to live I think - I think I wrote you some  
good news about Denver yesterday.  
Nichols had one or two letters of the same  
tenor - I think I begin to know more  
about the country there and am much  
encouraged - It seems that there are great  
resources for husbandry as well as the  
mines which was not my idea. I have  
written to Maj. Beebe, a friend of Ben -

penters and asked him a lot of  
leading questions which I think will  
bring me some conclusive informa-  
tion - I want you to come here badly  
enough but I want you to go there  
with me a thousand fold more. It  
seems to me as if I must have you  
go with me under any circumstances  
and yet I know that it is the dictate of pru-  
dence that I should go and spy out the  
land and make a home nest first and  
send for my birds afterwards. It will  
seem to me though, despite it all, that  
I ought to have you with me for luck -

I think you are having a pleasant even-  
ing with Lodie - It is now six o'clock and  
I think you are looking out of the sitting  
room window upon a pleasant spring  
sundown - You have no idea how  
beautiful the flowers are this spring. It  
has been so dry and cool hitherto.

that when the rains and sunshine came  
at once the whole earth was covered  
with a glory of green leaves and white  
flowers. The Capitol Square is perfectly  
resplendent - I think it by far the  
finest Spring I have ever seen here, so  
far as flowers and beauty are con-  
cerned - I mean to prepare a surprise  
for you when I go to Greensboro again, -  
that is, if I cannot manage to have you  
come here, - by sending you a box  
with one of those big Gladiators and  
lots of other flowers in it - If I was  
sure that it would be prudent for you to go  
with me, I would have you come  
down by Phila. as soon as I could  
get the money. I could not think of  
leaving you here while I made the tour  
of exploration, however, I don't know

that it would cost as much more  
as I thought for you to come here.  
~~You~~ could sell off a lot of things  
and perhaps half pay the expense in  
that way - As soon as I can decide  
that I will let you know - I am so  
anxious to have you with me, but must  
not let that spoil your happiness in the  
future - Pray God to help us dur-  
ing - It seems to me as if we were  
just on the edge of a grand success -  
as if something would come that  
would lift us quite up and out of  
what we have called trouble - By  
the way, I am quite ashamed to  
have thought of our worries as  
troubles at all - Just think of Col. Hay-  
wood's people - William died - then the little  
boy broke his arm and now Mrs Hay =

wood is smitten with blindness. What  
is to become of them God only knows -  
That is certainly trouble in a sense we  
have never yet known - God help them -  
Mrs. Moon and Miss Painter are having  
meetings here. I think I shall go tonight

The News is trying to employ me to write  
them a series of editorials - As I want  
some advertising I think I shall do it -  
They don't pay much - only \$10 a piece -  
and most of that in advertising - It may  
be a good thing, however.

That letter which Lodie has promised me  
for so long has not come and I am afraid  
it never will - Its absence, however, as =  
sures me of her happiness - God  
bless you my far away darling, - make  
you happy and peaceful and content  
and put the rainbow of His promise  
in the darkness of our future is my  
hourly prayer - Love  
A. A. Towse