

Friday Evening
Sept 14-1860

My Own Emma

I have just returned from my first lesson in the gymnasium. I concluded you to spend \$10.00 in paying for this exercise instead of taking the money up in which I spoke to you about. It will cost me about five more to get a rig to practise in but I think I shall be as well off at the end of the year, if not better.

I have made one recitation in college this year and a good one too. It was in Logic. By the way it occurs to me that Angie has said something to me about Logic

at Gainesville. If she has to teach
it she will find "Thompson's Outlines
of the Laws of Thought," far superior to any
other work published in America unless
it be "Sir W. Hamilton's Lectures on Logic"
which is a more voluminous than they
would wish to attempt at G-. We have
Thomson this term and though I can
not agree with him in all things, he
is infinitely superior to Whately and
one of the finest simplest and most
lucid writers that ever broached a dark
and abstruse subject. I am really glad
you enjoy G-, so very much and hope
your enjoyment will continue to in-
crease. You wish to know if you had
better take writing and so make your-
self a proficient in that in order that
you may be able to teach it in case
of necessity? Now my Dear, are
you not afraid that if you should
succeed in acquiring a nice free
legible style of chirography, I shall be
for making you my clerk when I
come to be a lawyer with lots of cli-
ents? Or if I should conclude to be
a literary man and let the legal
profession take care of itself, do you
not fear that there would be long wear-
some pages of verse and prose, fact &
fiction, for the preparation of which I
should desire an amanuensis of more
polished penmanship than myself? Per-
haps you do not trouble yourself with
such fancies, in which case, of course,
the mention of them would give you
no horror. You must, my Darling,
be your own judge in regard to taking

writing in addition to what you already
have. You must not try to do too much,
nor do too much. I cannot permit
you to injure yourself by a too severe course
of study. It might almost as well be
without an Curriculum. You have asked
me again and again if I would not get
along with short letters from you while
you are there. Have I ever complained
of your letters as short - save once with their
not being long? And do you suppose, my
Love that I am going to begin now to
be fastidious in regard to your corre-
spondence? You know a letter is always
chasing to see whether long or short and
I am perfectly willing to leave the length
of your letters entirely to your own desire
and direction. If you feel like writing
me a long letter and have time to do so
I shall be very happy to receive it; if not a
short one will be equally acceptable. I hope
that cry which you were bound to have shed
you good. I was sure you would be homesick
and homesick. I was down at the grave last
Sunday night. I concluded I must go and
see how they all were before I left, so Joe &
I took a drive down there. I found your
father much better. He was out in the kitchen
by the fire, for it was quite cool; and seemed quite
overjoyed to see me. ^{all} The girls were especially de-
lighted, and Danna who was down on the
back with the boys almost went into hysterics
when I came up behind her and kissed her.