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Emma

I know you must  
be sick. I have been trying all the  
week to make myself believe you were  
not but am sure you are, neverthe-  
-less. — It is just a month since  
the last letter received from you was  
written. You must have been very  
sick or you would not have been silent  
so long. The last thing I heard of you  
was by your letter to Lizzie, which must  
have been written about the 8<sup>th</sup> of last  
month. — I tried to make myself  
think that you were keeping quiet  
in mere playfulness, to punish me  
for my long silence upon a time. This  
I know cannot be the fact for you would  
not be so cruel as to carry it over so

long. I dare not allow my-  
self to dwell upon it, lest  
I should do myself harm, by use-  
less brooding over uncertain ill.

I know that if I allowed my-  
self to think of you and plead  
with us to the cause of your long  
silence I should be helpless in  
less than 24 hours.

You must let me know soon  
how you are. If you cannot write  
please do have Ellen send me word  
that you are at least alive. If I  
only knew how you were, even if  
you were very sick, I should be more  
contented. As it is, it is only the im-  
possibility of my doing so that hin-  
ders me from coming to see how  
you are.

For my own self, I  
am about as heretofore, neither  
ill enough to die, nor well en-  
ough to live. I think my

luck is just a bit stronger,  
and my disposition perhaps  
a shade chearier than usual.

I heard from Lieut Gould  
yesterday. He is at home on a  
furlough and will probably be  
up to see me, to-morrow or  
the next day. I intend to go  
home with him to spend a  
week or so. Don't know  
but seeing him will entirely  
restore me to health. Don't you  
hope it will? Guess you don't  
from fear that I will go back  
with him if it should.

Do let me know a-  
bout yourself at once.

Crispiously yours  
A.W. Sargee